

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

Thursday, April 12, 2007

The Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 11:46 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Mr. Kamakana Kaimulua, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 731 to 742) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 731, dated April 4, 2007, transmitting the Department of Accounting and General Services' Annual Report of the Stadium Authority – Stadium Special Fund Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Transfers for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006, pursuant to Section 109-3, HRS, was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 732, advising the Senate of the withdrawal of the nomination of JASON YUAKA SUMIYE to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, under Gov. Msg. No. 624, dated March 27, 2007, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 732, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 624 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 733, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, the nomination of FRANCIS L. JUNG, term to expire June 30, 2008, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 734, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1427 as Act 7, entitled: "RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 735, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 657 as Act 8, entitled: "RELATING TO WAIVER OF ABANDONED VEHICLE PUBLIC AUCTION REQUIREMENTS," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 736, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1108 as Act 9, entitled: "RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING 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," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 737, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1138 as Act 10, entitled: "RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 738, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1158 as Act 11, entitled: "RELATING TO ARSON," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 739, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 613 as Act 12, entitled: "RELATING TO VETERANS," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 740, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1204 as Act 13, entitled: "RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 741, informing the Senate that on April 9, 2007, she signed into law House Bill No. 1393 as Act 14, entitled: "RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT (MODIFIED)," was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 742, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, the nomination of FLORELINE B. VILA, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Education.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 548 to 685) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 548, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 15, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 18, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 24, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 119 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 149, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 513 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 567, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 575, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 598, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 767, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 869, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1103 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1207 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1227, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2 (S.D. 3);
 H.B. No. 1338, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1372, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1403, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1452, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
 H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
 H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2); and
 H.B. No. 1931 (S.D. 1),

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 549, returning S.B. No. 53, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 550, returning S.B. No. 95, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 551, returning S.B. No. 820, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 585, returning S.B. No. 837, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 837, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 586, returning S.B. No. 840, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 840, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 587, returning S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

At 11:52 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:53 o'clock a.m.

Senator Fukunaga moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Espero.

Senator Fukunaga noted:

"Madam President, the House amendments are very similar to those that were previously sent over in the Senate bill and actually enhanced the bill in its current form."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A HAWAII ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA SURVEY," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Hse. Com. No. 588, returning S.B. No. 871, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 871, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 589, returning S.B. No. 880, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 880, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 590, returning S.B. No. 885, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 885, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 591, returning S.B. No. 896, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 896, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 592, returning S.B. No. 898, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 898, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 593, returning S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 907, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 594, returning S.B. No. 914, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 914, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 595, returning S.B. No. 917, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 917, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 596, returning S.B. No. 932, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 932, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 597, returning S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 946, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 598, returning S.B. No. 973, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

the House to S.B. No. 1372, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 630, returning S.B. No. 1382, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1382, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 631, returning S.B. No. 1383, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1383, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 632, returning S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1384, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 633, returning S.B. No. 1386, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1386, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 634, returning S.B. No. 1387, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1387, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 635, returning S.B. No. 1388, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1388, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 636, returning S.B. No. 1391, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1391, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 637, returning S.B. No. 1400, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1400, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 638, returning S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1402, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 639, returning S.B. No. 1410, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1410, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 640, returning S.B. No. 1412, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1412, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 641, returning S.B. No. 1425, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1425, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 642, returning S.B. No. 1441, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

Senator Chun Oakland moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1441, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Hee.

Senator Chun Oakland noted:

“Madam President, this measure ensures the safety of children in various types of child care settings by requiring child abuse and neglect registry checks of prospective adoptive parents and all adults residing in prospective adoptive homes; any organization, institution or foster boarding home, including all adults residing in the foster boarding home as a condition for certificate of approval; and all operators and employees of child care institutions and child placing organizations.

“The changes that the House made were technical in nature.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1441, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1441, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF CHILD PLACING ORGANIZATIONS, CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS, FOSTER BOARDING HOMES, AND ADOPTIVE HOMES,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Hse. Com. No. 643, returning S.B. No. 1447, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1447, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 644, returning S.B. No. 1457, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1457, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 645, returning S.B. No. 1499, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1499, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 646, returning S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 3, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1500, S.D. 3, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 647, returning S.B. No. 1504, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1504, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 648, returning S.B. No. 1515, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1515, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 649, returning S.B. No. 1603, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1603, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 650, returning S.B. No. 1612, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1612, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 651, returning S.B. No. 1614, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1614, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 652, returning S.B. No. 1636, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1636, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 653, returning S.B. No. 1642, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

Senator Hee moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1642, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Hee noted:

“Madam President, in reviewing the amendment made by the House and in speaking to the affected parties, we have received information that the House amendments represent a good compromise by all stakeholders involved in the bill.

“Thank you, Madam President.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1642, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1642, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Hse. Com. No. 654, returning S.B. No. 1672, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1672, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 655, returning S.B. No. 1674, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1674, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 656, returning S.B. No. 1676, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1676, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

the House to S.B. No. 1919, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 673, returning S.B. No. 1920, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1920, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 674, returning S.B. No. 1922, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1922, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 675, returning S.B. No. 1923, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1923, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 676, returning S.B. No. 1924, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1924, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 677, returning S.B. No. 1928, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1928, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 678, returning S.B. No. 1929, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1929, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 679, returning S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1931, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 680, returning S.B. No. 1932, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1932, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 681, returning S.B. No. 1943, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1943, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 682, returning S.B. No. 1946, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1946, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 683, returning S.B. No. 1947, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1947, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 684, returning S.B. No. 1950, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1950, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 685, returning S.B. No. 1988, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 10, 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. 1988, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION

Jud. Com. No. 2, submitting for consideration and consent, the nomination of HARRY P.N.S. FREITAS to the Office of Judge, District Court of the Third Circuit, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, for a term of six years, was read by the Clerk and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1703) recommending that H.C.R. No. 55 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1703 and H.C.R. No. 55, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING PEACE EDUCATION INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1704) recommending that S.C.R. No. 139 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1704 and S.C.R. No. 139, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING PEACE EDUCATION INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1705) recommending that S.R. No. 93 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1705 and S.R. No. 93, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING PEACE EDUCATION INTO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1706) recommending that S.C.R. No. 173 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1706 and S.C.R. No. 173, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1707) recommending that S.R. No. 113 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1707 and S.R. No. 113, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Sakamoto and Ige, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1708) recommending that S.C.R. No. 37 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1708 and S.C.R. No. 37, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ORGAN DONOR CENTER OF HAWAII TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE BENEFITS OF ORGAN DONATION IN THE STATE OF HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Sakamoto and Ige, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1709) recommending that S.R. No. 17 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1709 and S.R. No. 17, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ORGAN DONOR CENTER OF HAWAII TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE BENEFITS OF ORGAN DONATION IN THE STATE OF HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1710) recommending that S.C.R. No. 55, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1710 and S.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW THE USE OF THE PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT OF READING PROGRAM TO TEACH READING TO STUDENTS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1711) recommending that S.R. No. 31, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1711 and S.R. No. 31, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW THE USE OF THE PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT OF READING PROGRAM TO TEACH READING TO STUDENTS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Inouye and English, for the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1712) recommending that S.C.R. No. 154, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1712 and S.C.R. No. 154, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NORTH SHORE KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CONGESTION TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND TO RECOMMEND MITIGATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXPANSION," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Inouye and English, for the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1713) recommending that S.R. No. 107, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1713 and S.R. No. 107, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NORTH SHORE KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CONGESTION TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND TO RECOMMEND MITIGATIVE MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EXPANSION," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1714) recommending that S.C.R. No. 150, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1714 and S.C.R. No. 150, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM RULES AND PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC BEACH WEDDINGS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1715) recommending that S.R. No. 103, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1715 and S.R. No. 103, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM RULES AND PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC BEACH WEDDINGS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1716) recommending that S.C.R. No. 116, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1716 and S.C.R. No. 116, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO RESPONSIBLY IDENTIFY PLACES THAT CAN SUSTAIN THE IMPACT OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE OPERATION AND TO EVALUATE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF EXISTING SITES THAT PERMIT OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1717) recommending that S.R. No. 72, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1717 and S.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO RESPONSIBLY IDENTIFY PLACES THAT CAN SUSTAIN THE IMPACT OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE OPERATION AND TO EVALUATE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF EXISTING SITES THAT PERMIT OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1718) recommending that S.C.R. No. 207 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1718 and S.C.R. No. 207, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING PROPERTY NEAR THE ISAAC HALE BEACH PARK AND POHOIKI BOAT RAMP IN PUNA, HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1719) recommending that S.R. No. 133 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1719 and S.R. No. 133, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING PROPERTY NEAR THE ISAAC HALE

BEACH PARK AND POHOIKI BOAT RAMP IN PUNA, HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Inouye, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1720) recommending that S.C.R. No. 197 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1720 and S.C.R. No. 197, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COUNTIES TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO COVER HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERHEAD COSTS FOR PRIMARY CARE AND SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS PRACTICING MEDICINE IN HAWAII'S RURAL AREAS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Inouye, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1721) recommending that S.R. No. 126 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1721 and S.R. No. 126, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COUNTIES TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO COVER HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERHEAD COSTS FOR PRIMARY CARE AND SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS PRACTICING MEDICINE IN HAWAII'S RURAL AREAS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Inouye, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1722) recommending that S.C.R. No. 217 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1722 and S.C.R. No. 217, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Inouye, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1723) recommending that S.R. No. 141 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1723 and S.R. No. 141, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige, Chun Oakland and Espero, for the Committee on Health, the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1724) recommending that S.C.R. No. 214, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1724 and S.C.R. No. 214, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW POLICIES FOR STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON THE USE OF RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION ON ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL AND

NONINSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige, Chun Oakland and Espero, for the Committee on Health, the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1725) recommending that S.R. No. 138, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1725 and S.R. No. 138, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW POLICIES FOR STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON THE USE OF RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION ON ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL AND NONINSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Espero, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1726) recommending that S.C.R. No. 61, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1726 and S.C.R. No. 61, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF CURRENTLY EXISTING OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FORENSIC FACILITIES," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Espero, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1727) recommending that S.R. No. 37, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1727 and S.R. No. 37, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF CURRENTLY EXISTING OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FORENSIC FACILITIES," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Espero, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1728) recommending that S.C.R. No. 93, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1728 and S.C.R. No. 93, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO STUDY WHETHER HAWAII SHOULD PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senators Ige and Espero, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Public Safety, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1729) recommending that S.R. No. 57, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1729 and S.R. No. 57, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO STUDY WHETHER HAWAII SHOULD PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS," was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No.

1730) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Highway Safety Council of the following:

KRISTI SCHULENBERG, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 608; and

MARK JOSEPH SCRIBNER, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 609.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1730 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 608 and 609 was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1731) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of THANH-LO SANANIKONE to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 657.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1731 and Gov. Msg. No. 657 was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1732) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LAURIE KWAI-HOON HO to the Board of Agriculture, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 292.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1732 and Gov. Msg. No. 292 was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1733) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation of the following:

DUANE C.K. LAU, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 289;

TEENA M. RASMUSSEN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 290;

DAVID G. RIETOW, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 291; and

CHRISTINE MARIE DALEIDEN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 459.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1733 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 289, 290, 291 and 459 was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1734) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides of the following:

JANET CLAIRE ASHMAN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 442;

BARBARA ANN BROOKS PHD, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 443;

CYNTHIA K. L. REZENTES, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 444;

QING X. LI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 468; and

REBECCA CAROL TAYLOR, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 469.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1734 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 442, 443, 444, 468 and 469 was deferred until Friday, April 13, 2007.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1702 (Gov. Msg. No. 265):

Senator Nishihara moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1702 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kim and carried.

Senator Nishihara then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RUSS K. SAITO as Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services, term to expire December 6, 2010, seconded by Senator Kim.

Senator Trimble rose in support of the nominee and said:

“Madam President, I rise to offer laudatory comments, briefly.

“DAGS has an awful lot of wonderful, dedicated state employees. They’ve got computer types, they’ve got accountants, they’ve got surveyors, they’ve got engineers, they’ve got architects, but best of all they have Faye who helps take care of the second floor at the State Capitol.

“The Governor, when she appointed Russ Saito for the first term, appointed somebody that is truly humble. I could read the three pages of laudatory remarks prepared by my staff, but I don’t want to see him blush. He brought to the job a wonderful work ethic, a desire to have consumer satisfaction, and those consumers were other state agencies and state Legislators. He has lead by example, and he has come a long way to encouraging his employees in a very diverse and complex department to continue to do a good job and to strive to do better.

“For this, I am grateful that he is willing to serve another four years. Thank you.”

Senator Nishihara rose to support the nominee and stated:

“Madam President and colleagues, I rise to speak and ask that the Senate support the Committee on Tourism and Government Operations’ recommendation to advise and consent in favor of Russ K. Saito as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

“Our Committee received over 45 testimonies in support of Mr. Saito which included the Department of Human Resources Development, the Automotive Division of DAGS, the State Procurement Office, the Campaign Spending Commission, the BIA, the General Contractors Association, as well as many individuals representing the various architectural and engineering companies in our state.

“Mr. Saito’s accomplishments in his tenure as Comptroller include:

In procurement, increased openness and fairness in the awarding of state contracts, bringing greater efficiency, integrity, and transparency to the state procurement process;

In financial reporting, receiving on behalf of the state the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Department of Accounting and General Services Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, for every report since 2003;

Speeding the process to contractors and paying vendors for goods and services in a timelier manner with optimized financial management effected by the Accounting and Audit Review Committee, which he created;

Improved citizen access by offering electronic newsletters, webcast events, and news conferences, and online applications for services on boards and commissions;

Promoting small business by setting aside smaller contracts for award to small businesses and requiring that large contractors be evaluated in part on their use of small businesses as subcontractors on larger contracts;

Facilitated a program to enable state buildings to withstand the effects of natural and manmade disasters;

Enhancing land management by digitizing the land court and file plan map collection, as well as shoreline maps and photographs;

Oversaw the transfer of school repair and maintenance and construction programs to the Department of Education, resulting in more accountability and responsibility in the management of our public school facilities; and finally,

Expediting the creation of transitional housing and shelter space for our growing homeless population.

“Mr. Saito, in his interactions with the Legislature, has given straightforward answers, clear rational reasons supported by background information and documentation. In his testimony before this Committee, he stated that he has tried to perform his duty responsibly and with integrity, treating all people with respect and fairness. I believe that his supporters would agree with his statements.

“In closing, I leave with you the DAGS mission, which states: ‘To help agencies better serve the public by providing, at best value and with integrity: superior public facilities, expert technology solution and services, operational support, fiscal guidance, oversight of administrative services and preservation and promotion of cultural heritage.’ Our Committee believes that Mr. Saito has thus accomplished, and will continue to do so, meeting the mission of DAGS.

“For all those reasons so stated, I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of confirming Russ K. Saito as the Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services. Thank you, Madam President.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Nishihara introduced Mr. Saito to the members of the Senate.

At 12:03 o’clock p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:15 o’clock p.m.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

S.C.R. No. 212, S.D. 2:

Senator Ige moved that S.C.R. No. 212, S.D. 2, be adopted, seconded by Senator Whalen.

Senator Slom rose in opposition to the measure as follows:

“Madam President, I rise in opposition to this resolution.

“It’s interesting that we’re going to start a taskforce to examine the strategies for why doctors are leaving this state, but we specifically mention in this resolution that we will not examine medical malpractice liability, which every doctor has told us for years is the primary reason. And even in the body of the resolution itself, it says how important this is as an issue, but then we completely disregard it. How can we have a taskforce, how can we have a resolution that specifically excludes a primary reason for the problem that we’re complaining of and we actually know about that problem.

“So I’ll be voting ‘no.’ Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.C.R. No. 212, S.D. 2, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO CONVENE A TEMPORARY TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE STRATEGIES, OTHER THAN THOSE HAVING TO DO WITH MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS, THAT MAY PREVENT THE EXODUS OF PHYSICIANS FROM THE STATE,” was adopted with Senators Hemmings, Slom and Trimble voting “No.”

THIRD READING**MATTERS DEFERRED FROM
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007**

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

Senator Hee moved that H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Slom rose in support with reservations and said:

“Madam President, I rise in support of this measure with reservations.

“I’m a little concerned about the definitions used in the bill itself, and I’m also concerned about the phrase that keeps popping up – overdriving of animals. Now, I have three cats and if I tried to overdrive any one of them they would turn on me and we wouldn’t need a class C felony.

“So I support the idea of very reckless and life-threatening actions, but I think that some of these other descriptions may be very difficult to substantiate. Thank you.”

Senator Trimble requested his vote be cast “aye, with reservations,” and the Chair so ordered.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 676, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Ayes with Reservations, 2 (Slom, Trimble). Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1660 (H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Taniguchi, seconded by Senator Ige and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1660 and H.B. No. 1456, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOLOGISTS,” were recommitted to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1669 (H.B. No. 356, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1669 was adopted and H.B. No. 356, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 928, H.D. 1, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Tsutsui and carried, H.B. No. 928, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 1, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 1152, H.D. 1, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, H.B. No. 1152, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 1909, H.D. 1, S.D. 2:

Senator Hee moved that H.B. No. 1909, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Ihara rose with reservations as follows:

“Madam President, I rise to state my reservations on H.B. No. 1909, relating to standards of conduct.

“Madam President, the entire contents of the House draft of this bill have been removed. These include provisions establishing House and Senate legislative committees and the complaint process. In its place was inserted limiting the employment and lobbying activities of Legislator’s spouses and

requiring all elected officials to take drug tests after their election but prior to taking the oath of office.

"I will be voting for this bill with reservations to allow further consideration by Conference Committee, and I hope that the Senate Conference managers will consider agreeing to and improving the House's legislative ethics provisions, specifically by giving the House and Senate Ethics Committees more independence, an equal bipartisan composition, as well as freedom to investigate complaints submitted by Legislators of both political parties.

"Thank you, Madam President."

Senator Hooser requested his vote be cast "aye, with reservations," and the Chair so ordered.

Senator Hee rose in favor of the measure and stated:

"Madam President, I rise to speak in favor of the bill.

"Duly noting the comments by the previous speaker, it is the intent of the Senate Conference Committee, to the extent that I may be able to lead the Committee, to engage a discussion on precisely the issues he raised as a matter of Conference. So, the preclusion of any such issue should be laid to rest, to the extent that the final product has already been determined is presumptuous, and we'll try to do the best that we can under the circumstances.

"Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 1909, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Ayes with Reservations, 2 (Hooser, Ihara). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Bunda, Taniguchi).

H.B. No. 1345, H.D. 2, S.D. 3:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Tsutsui and carried, H.B. No. 1345, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR NATURAL DISASTERS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Bunda, Taniguchi).

H.B. No. 367, H.D. 1, S.D. 3:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Tsutsui and carried, H.B. No. 367, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Bunda, Taniguchi).

H.B. No. 1757, H.D. 1, S.D. 3:

Senator Hee moved that H.B. No. 1757, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Slom rose in opposition as follows:

"Madam President, I rise in opposition to this bill.

"This bill would eliminate the GE tax on biomass fuels but it would also impose a new tax of an additional one cent per gallon on gasoline. You know, we all sat through last year when there were crocodile tears about the exemption, the GET exemption on ethanol fuels – it was going to run out in December of last year. We had an opportunity to do something about it. We didn't do anything about it, including the administration. And so the exemption ran out December 31st, and the next day we woke up with an 11 cent per gallon increase in our gasoline. And there still have been crocodile tears for the last four months and nothing has been done about it.

"Now this bill, and with this amendment, proposes to try to alleviate some of that problem, but in trying to take away the burden of the general excise tax, it adds another one penny tax to the special fund. And why is the money going to the highway special fund? Because the supporters argue that the fund doesn't have enough money to take care of its responsibilities. And why doesn't the special fund have enough money? Because the special fund was raided by this very Legislature over and over again.

"So while I would like to see the general excise exemption eliminated, or the exemption restated and the tax eliminated, I don't want to do it at the cost of having another backdoor tax increase.

"Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 1757, H.D. 1, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 3 (Slom, Trimble, Whalen). Excused, 1 (Bunda).

H.B. No. 1608, S.D. 3:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, H.B. No. 1608, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

H.B. No. 1848, H.D. 2, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Tsutsui and carried, H.B. No. 1848, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

FINAL READING

S.B. No. 1063, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

Senator Hee moved that S.B. No. 1063, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Ihara rose to speak in support of the measure and said:

"Madam President, I rise in support of S.B. No. 1063, Relating to Legislative Vacancies.

"Madam President, the principle behind this measure is that Republicans should have significant input in filling vacancies of Republican legislative seats. And Democratic vacancies should be filled with significant input by Democrats. This applies to the other parties if they ever have seats as well.

"I believe this bill establishes a reasonable method for filling legislative vacancies, particularly in situations when the Governor and vacating Legislator are from different political parties. If all we had were same-party legislative appointments, I don't think there would be a need for this bill. But in the last two decades, several opposite-party appointments have led to turnovers in party control of those legislative seats. I don't know if this was intended or not, but I think the examples I will cite may cause one to wonder.

"I believe this measure should have been adopted years ago, as well as other reforms that seek more political fairness and increase checks and balances. I also acknowledge the difficulty of adopting reforms in an environment of single-party dominance.

"In the last 20 years, there have been seven opposite-party appointments to fill legislative vacancies. Our Republican Governor has appointed two Democratic Legislators resulting in no changes in party control. On the other hand, Democratic governors filled five Republican vacancies, and three of these appointments resulted in Democratic takeovers of these Republican seats.

"In 1993, after winning four straight elections against Democrats, House Republican Leader Mike O'Kieffe, who beat a Democrat, stayed in office until his death in 1993. The Democratic governor appointed a Republican who did not seek election, and the Democrats took back the seat in the 1994 election.

"Republican Representative Donna Ikeda held her seat for 12 years until she resigned in 1986. The Democratic governor filled the vacancy with a Republican . . . who switched parties before the next election. In that 1988 election, the Democrats began a 12-year control of that House seat.

"After ten years in the Senate, Republican Buddy Soares resigned his seat in 1986. The Democratic governor selected a Republican replacement, but this appointed Legislator switched parties and won the 1988 election. This allowed the Republican seat to be taken over by Democrats for a span of eight years following that.

"One can only speculate whether Republicans would have retained these 3 legislative seats if S.B. No. 1063 was already law. Back then, what if the Democratic governor had to choose from nominees submitted by the Republican Party? I would imagine at least there might have been less likelihood of the new Republican Legislators switching parties after their appointment.

"I believe there is an even and probably better chance for the return of a Democratic governor. So my Republican colleagues might want to look to the long term, and vote for this measure to ensure that they can nominate replacements for Republican nominees.

"Thank you, Madam President."

Senator Hemmings rose to speak against the measure as follows:

"Madam President, I rise to speak against this legislation.

"You know, we Republicans do like to look to the long term, but we're no fools. We can also look back on the 20-year history which just was so clearly enunciated by the previous speaker that clearly shows the unbelievable partisanship and exploitation of the process for political gain by the Majority Party. Yes, we look to the future with hopes that we could walk hand-in-hand together and do things in a nonpartisan or bipartisan way for the betterment of the people, but what we experience here in this Legislature is political abuse year in and year out – our bills are shelved; we're given rotten excuses for not hearing our measures; they're oftentimes copied and incremented in other parts of law because the people demand it. The partisanship of the Majority Party is unprecedented, as pointed out by the previous speaker.

"We're not going to go along with the 'shibai,' and say, oh yes, all of sudden after 40 years of abuse we're going to become ecumenical and we're going to share the power and we're going to make sure that we protect the poor Republicans in the future. I'd like to believe it, Madam President, but the record is unbelievable of the partisanship of this Legislature and the way they handle everything from appointments, to filling vacancies, to just the mere passage of legislation.

"I counted last election the total number of constituents we represent here, and though our numbers are small in the Legislature because of close elections, we represent close to 40 percent of the people of the State of Hawai'i who quite frankly are fed up with the partisanship, and fed up with the 'shibai,' and fed up with the self-righteous standing up after 40 years of abuse of this system and saying, 'Oh my, we're going to be bipartisan now.' Yeah, we'll be bipartisan until there is a Democrat governor and then we'll go back to the old system.

"Madam President, this bill is too little, too late, and it amounts to nothing more than a 'shibai.' I urge my colleagues to vote 'no' against it if you have any kind of conscience at all."

Senator Trimble rose in opposition also and stated:

"Madam President, I stand in opposition to this measure but for slightly different reasons.

"Colleagues, I can remember after my first Session in the State Senate being asked to go to the fifth floor and review bills that were up for possible veto, and the occupant of the fifth floor, who's still occupying it today, asked what she should do. And my advice to the Governor was, 'You represent all the people; do what is in the best interest of all the people.'

"When we have an election, and leading up to that election we have two or more parties vying for the mind, and the soul, and the vote of the electorate, it makes a lot of sense, because we're trying to distinguish between what is Republican and what is Democrat, what is Green, and what is whatever. But after the election is over and in the interim between elections, it makes sense to appoint that individual that will best represent the people of that district, whether it's Republican, Democrat, or in the case of most of the constituents of that district, independent.

"I think that the Governor should have the option, and we do have a Governor that truly does think in the best interest of the people, unlike the alleged partisanship which has been advertised or assumed on the part of the other party.

"So I oppose this measure because I think the Governor should have the flexibility of giving the people the person that

would best represent their interest, whether it be Republican, Democrat, or Independent. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1063, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1063, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 20. Noes, 4 (Gabbard, Hemmings, Slom, Trimble). Excused, 1 (Bunda).

S.B. No. 1287, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1287, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1287, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Tsutsui and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

S.B. No. 1816, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kokubun, seconded by Senator Hee and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1816, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1816, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE BILL

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

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 1133, S.D. 3, H.D. 1 Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolution that was offered:

Senate Concurrent Resolution	Referred to:
No. 118	Committee on Energy and Environment

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolution that was offered:

Senate Resolution	Referred to:
No. 74	Committee on Energy and Environment

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following House concurrent resolutions that were received:

House Concurrent Resolution	Referred to:
No. 58, H.D. 1	Committee on Energy and Environment
No. 291	Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 66(3), Senator Ige moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 10, 2007, in passing H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1, on Third Reading, seconded by Senator Hooser.

Senator Ige noted:

“Madam President, this bill authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Hanalani Schools and passed Third Reading in the Senate unamended on April 10, 2007. Article VII, Section 9 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution prohibits final passage of any appropriation bill until after the State budget bill has been transmitted to the Governor. Therefore, we are requesting that the House return this bill to the Senate.”

The motion was then put by the Chair and carried, and the Clerk was directed to inform the House of the Senate’s request to return H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HANALANI SCHOOLS,” to the Senate.

S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Senator Fukunaga moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken earlier on the calendar in agreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Espero.

Senator Fukunaga noted:

“Madam President, we discovered a minor defect in the bill that requires correction; therefore, we would like to disagree on this measure.”

The motion to reconsider agreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, was then put by the Chair and carried.

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Espero and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 870, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

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

“Madam President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

“Beginning immediately, all active army soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan will serve 15-month tours – three months longer than the usual standard – the Defense Secretary Robert Gates said today. For Hawai‘i-based soldiers that means more than 7,000 Schofield Barracks Soldiers who left Oahu in July will spend longer time there, thinking that they’d be back in two months. Officials on Monday said 13,000 national guard troops are receiving orders alerting them to prepare for possible deployment to Iraq, meaning a second tour for several thousand of them. Officials said a final decision would be made shortly.

“Word also has emerged from the defense department officials that they’re considering a plan to extend up to four months the tours of duty for as many as 15,000 US troops already in Iraq as a way to maintain the buildup past the summer. Currently, there are 145,000 US troops in Iraq, and when the buildup is completed by June, there will be more than 160,000, officials are calculating.

“The last time we were on this Session Floor we rose to honor a native son, Jay Cajimat of Maui.

“The British have reported so far that 140 of theirs have died; 33 of Italy; 18 of Ukraine; 19 from Poland; 13 from Bulgaria; 11 from Spain; 6 from Denmark; 5 from El Salvador; 4 from Slovakia; 3 from Latvia; 2 from Estonia, the Netherlands and Thailand; and 1 from Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Romania. In the United States, there have been 3,292 deaths as of Wednesday, April 11th. At least 2,674 of those have been a result of hostile action according to the military. There have been 24,314 wounded out of 26,188 who have been medivacked.

“I have been receiving calls, and I’m grateful for the calls of concern, to impeach the President by resolution. This morning one person called to ask why the Senate was not scheduling S.C.R. No. 83 to impeach the President. ‘It must be,’ the caller said, ‘that you think Bush is not doing anything wrong.’ I have given approximately 30,000 reasons why I think the Chief Executive of the United States of America bears some responsibility for the deaths and wounded of not only the American soldiers, but all others who have been impacted. And I cannot imagine how a parent must feel, and I’m grateful for that privilege.

“The Senate will not hear the resolution to impeach Bush because although symbolic, there have been 30,000 symbols of his responsibility. And if there is a measure to impeach the President, it is my belief that measure should be properly held in the Congress of the United States.

“Bush will be gone in a year – God save America. Thank you.”

Senator Hemmings rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

“Madam President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

“I’m truly sorry I have to do so. Yes, it’s indeed unfortunate that our country has had war declared against us – not on 9/11 but in years before by religious extremists who want to cut our heads off and eradicate us because of the freedoms we practice and for the beliefs we have as a people. Those people have waged unbelievable war without borders, without nations, without uniforms, without flags – the most insidious war, I think, ever fought in the history of civilization, and the most dishonorable war certainly.

“Yes, our resources are stretched very taut but they’re especially stretched taut because the previous administration, under the guise of the alleged peace dividend, because America did achieve world peace against the dominion of the Soviet empire through strength, the Clinton Administration built our resources down to very perilous capacities and now we’re paying the price.

“What the previous speaker failed to mention is the numerous attacks on this country and our interest in the prior administration – the bombing of the World Trade Center; two embassies bombed in Africa; a US war ship bombed in Kuwait – with literally no response other than rhetorical response on the part of the previous administration.

“A rhetorical question was asked, what about the parents, how do they feel, of the young men and women who volunteered to fight this war for us? Volunteered, I might add – no one is there because of a draft. I would say the vast majority of those who I’ve talked to and the vast number of men and women in uniform feel, in a word, proud – proud that they can wear the uniform with the stars and stripes of the United States of America on their shoulder and defend not just this country, but freedom-seeking people around the world from the abuses of a very satanic, almost cult, of extremist theocracies who want to take women who maybe do not dress appropriately, out to the town square and stone them to death like the Taliban was doing in Afghanistan; or want to cut reporters’ heads off on television as an example of the strength they have in wielding the sword for what they believe.

“I am so proud that this country, unlike any country in the history of human kind, not only has men and women defending our borders and our sovereignty, but defending the rights and freedoms of other people around the world. We don’t have a choice. We didn’t declare this war. This war was declared on us. It is a war against terror.

“And regarding Iraq – yes, the President did lead us into Iraq, but not without the vote of the United States Congress and many of the double-faced Janus’s politicians who are now speaking out against it and voting against it.

“Madam President, now is not the time to measure our success or failures by body counts, but by what we do as a nation and the courage we have to defend our freedom and the freedom of people around this world in this epic battle that, I would say, has been waged since the 7th century. What kind of world are we going to live in? – the world that they want or the world that we have? I’d say now is the time for us to stand united and support those who are willing to fight the treachery and evilness of the people that have declare war on us and want to eradicate us.

“Thank you, Madam President.”

Senator Hooser rose on a point of personal privilege and stated:

“Madam President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

“I’m standing here today to support my friend and colleague, the Judiciary Chair, and the remarks he made and applaud his willingness to stand up and speak what I believe is truth to power. This is not about pride and our troops. Each of us, each of our families are connected somehow to people in the military. My father was in the military, retired from the military, fought in Vietnam. I have many friends who fight and I’m proud of them – young men and women all around. This is not about whether or not we’re patriotic or how proud we are of our troops.

“I wish I could be just as proud in our President, but I cannot be. There is not one doubt in my mind, and I think not many doubts in the American people’s minds, that we’re at war today because the President, President Bush, and his associates misled the American people and the international community and convinced us at that time that it was the right thing to do. And I’m firmly convinced that history will show that this is true – that we were lied to. And people die today, every day – young American men and women, Iraqis, people from all over the world die every single day because of the decisions and choices made by our President and his associates that have led us down this path.

“I applaud those in Congress and elsewhere now who are willing to speak out and try to reverse this trend. Every day, people die. Every day when I watch television, watch the news, read the paper, I become angry and wish, in retrospect, that our President had been impeached and was not there. But time is passing and he will be gone. Every day, people die; every day, corporations grow rich from selling the bombs and bullets.

“It is not unpatriotic to be against the war or unpatriotic to be against this President. In fact, I would say the reverse is true – the greater patriots are willing to stand up and speak the truth and at the same time support Americans all over the world who are in the pursuit of peace. It’s just unfortunate where we’re at today, and it’s just a sad, sad time for America.

“Thank you.”

Senator Menor, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Environment, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.C.R. No. 118 and S.R. No. 74.

Senator Menor noted:

“Madam President, the waiver is being requested in order to accommodate a recent request by one of our colleagues to have these resolutions heard.”

The Chair then granted the waiver.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 17, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 17, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Hee, co-chair; Kim, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 96, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 96, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Hee, Tsutsui, co-chairs; Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 98, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 98, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Chun Oakland, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 138, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 138, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 148, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 148, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 156, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 156, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 162, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 162, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; English, Hee, Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 188, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 188, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Taniguchi, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 323, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 323, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-

chair; Ige, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 600 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 600, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Taniguchi, Baker, co-chairs; Chun Oakland, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 603, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 603, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Hooser, Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 613, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 613, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Chun Oakland, Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 620, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 620, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 662, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 662, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 678, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 678, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Espero, Tsutsui, co-chairs; Kim, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 686, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 686, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Hooser, Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 688, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 688, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 707, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 707, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 709, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 709, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Espero, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 750, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 750, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Fukunaga, Tsutsui, co-chairs; Kim, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Inouye, chair; Nishihara, Tsutsui, co-chairs; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 796, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 796, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Inouye, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 837, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 837, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; Tokuda, Tsutsui, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 866, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 866, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Kim, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 880, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 880, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 885, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 885, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Kokubun, Baker, co-chairs; Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 896, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 896, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 898, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 898, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 907, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Espero, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 914, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 914, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Espero, chair; Baker, co-chair; Chun Oakland, Nishihara, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 917, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 917, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Espero, chair; Baker, co-chair; Fukunaga, Nishihara, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 932, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 932, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Espero, chair; Baker, co-chair; Sakamoto, Tsutsui, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2,

and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators English, chair; Hee, co-chair; Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1034, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1034, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators English, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1060, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1060, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Kokubun, Nishihara as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1068, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1068, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1093, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1093, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Sakamoto, Baker, co-chairs; Hee, Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1113, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1113, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Kokubun, Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1154, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1154, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Taniguchi, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Baker, co-chair; Sakamoto, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1174, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1174, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Espero, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Sakamoto, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1177, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1177, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Chun Oakland, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1182, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1182, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Hooser, Ihara, Sakamoto, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1184, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1184, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Hee, Baker, co-chairs; Ihara, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1191, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1191, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators English, chair; Baker, co-chair; Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1221, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1221, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1228, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1228, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Espero, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1284, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1284, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair;

Kokubun, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1315, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1315, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1365, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1365, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1372, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1372, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Baker, chair; Tsutsui, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1382, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1382, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1383, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1383, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1384, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1386, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1386, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1387, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1387, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair;

Kokubun, Tsutsui, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1388, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1388, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1391, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1391, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1400, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1400, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Taniguchi, Hee, co-chairs; Ihara, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1447, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1447, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Inouye, Baker, co-chairs; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1499, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1499, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 3 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Inouye, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1504, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1504, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1515, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1515, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators English, chair; Baker, co-chair; Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1614, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1614, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1672, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1672, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Baker, co-chair; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1750, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1750, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Ige, chair; Fukunaga, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1756, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1756, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; English, Hee, Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1779 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1779, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Baker, co-chair; Fukunaga, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1820, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1820, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Nishihara, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1823, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1823, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Kim, Tsutsui as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1833, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1833, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair;

Kokubun, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1839, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1839, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1853, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1853, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; English, Hee, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1882, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1882, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Tsutsui, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1916, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1916, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ihara, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1917, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1917, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Taniguchi, Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Menor, Tsutsui, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1918, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1918, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Ige, Baker, co-chairs; Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1919, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1919, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Hooser, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1920, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1920, S.D. 2,

and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Baker, co-chair; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1922, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1922, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Sakamoto, Baker, co-chairs; Ige, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1923, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1923, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1924, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1924, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; Tokuda, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1928, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1928, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Tsutsui, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1929, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1929, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Nishihara, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Kim, Trimble as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1931, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Fukunaga, Nishihara, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1932, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1932, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Sakamoto, chair; Baker, co-chair; Nishihara, Tsutsui, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1946, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1946, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; Hee, Hooser, Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1950, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1950, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hee, chair; Baker, co-chair; Kokubun, Tsutsui, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 92, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 92, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Taniguchi, chair; Fukunaga, Baker, co-chairs; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 692, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 692, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 831, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 831, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Inouye, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Hooser as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Ige, chair; Chun Oakland, Baker, co-chairs; Fukunaga, Ihara, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Taniguchi, chair; Baker, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1353, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1353, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kokubun, chair; Baker, co-chair; English, Tokuda, Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1361, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1361, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Inouye, Tsutsui, co-chairs; Ihara, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chun Oakland, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Ihara, Hemmings as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1368 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1368, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Ige, chair; Baker, co-chair; Fukunaga, Whalen as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1411, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1411, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Fukunaga, chair; Tsutsui, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1902 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1902, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Taniguchi, chair; Baker, co-chair; Slom as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried unanimously, the Senate authorized the Clerk to receive House communications returning Senate bills that have passed third reading in the House. The Senate was further authorized to disagree to the amendments proposed by the House to Senate bills that were returned in an amended form. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 12:52 o'clock p.m., the Senate took the following actions on the following House communications and Senate bills:

Hse. Com. No. 688, returning S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 12, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1004, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 689, returning S.B. No. 1283, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 12, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1283, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 690, returning S.B. No. 1665, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 12, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1665, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 691, returning S.B. No. 1792, S.D. 3, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 12, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1792, S.D. 3, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 o'clock p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, April 13, 2007.