

THIRTIETH DAY

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2008, convened at 11:41 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Akihiro Okada, Daijingu Temple, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Hee was excused.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 132 to 153) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

S.C.R. No. 132 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A AND PHTHALATES IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S TOYS AND CHILDCARE PRODUCTS."

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Baker, Ige, Kim, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 133 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE AND ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS."

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 134 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO 'BUY LOCAL' TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY."

Offered by: Senators Inouye, English, Tokuda, Bunda, Gabbard, Ige, Taniguchi.

S.C.R. No. 135 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO SURVEY OTHER STATES TO DETERMINE HOW NURSING FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS ADDRESS THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRANSPORT OF NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS."

Offered by: Senators Kokubun, Inouye, English, Espero, Gabbard, Ige, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 136 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT."

Offered by: Senators Kokubun, Inouye, English, Espero, Gabbard, Ige, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 137 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SHARING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT."

Offered by: Senator Slom.

S.C.R. No. 138 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE SALARY INCREASES RECOMMENDED BY THE SALARY COMMISSION FOR THE TRUSTEES OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS."

Offered by: Senators Slom, Trimble.

S.C.R. No. 139 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CHANGE THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ALLOW CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME SCHOOLED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES."

Offered by: Senator Slom.

S.C.R. No. 140 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES."

Offered by: Senators Slom, Trimble.

S.C.R. No. 141 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE THE HALEAKALA TRAIL AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII."

Offered by: Senators Slom, Espero, Fukunaga, Trimble.

S.C.R. No. 142 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO VOLUNTARILY UTILIZE BIODEGRADABLE OR RECYCLABLE NON-POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE-WARE."

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland, English, Fukunaga, Hooser, Inouye, Baker, Espero, Gabbard, Hee, Hemmings, Ige, Kokubun, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Slom, Tokuda, Trimble.

S.C.R. No. 143 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S ROLE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO DETERMINE HOW THE AGENCY CAN BE INVOLVED MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN IDENTIFYING HEALTH CARE GOALS AND ARTICULATING AN OVERALL HEALTH CARE VISION FOR THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 144 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE DESIGNATION OF GALBRAITH LANDS AS IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE THEM AS AGRICULTURAL LANDS."

Offered by: Senator Bunda.

S.C.R. No. 145 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACQUIRE THE LAND IN WAHIAWA, OAHU, UNDERLYING LAKE WILSON AND

APPURTENANT LANDS ONLY IF CERTAIN REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED BY THE CURRENT OWNERS.”

Offered by: Senator Bunda.

S.C.R. No. 146 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO CONVERT TO EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS.”

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland, English, Fukunaga, Hooser, Inouye, Baker, Espero, Gabbard, Hee, Hemmings, Ige, Kokubun, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Slom, Tokuda, Trimble.

S.C.R. No. 147 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REGULARLY CONSULT WITH HO‘OLAULIMA IA KAWAI NUI TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND SCENIC RESOURCES OF KAWAI NUI MARSH.”

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Ige.

S.C.R. No. 148 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO EVALUATE THE ETHANOL FACILITY TAX CREDIT.”

Offered by: Senators Tsutsui, Baker, English.

S.C.R. No. 149 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A REHABILITATIVE AND RELATED SERVICES GRADUATE SCHOOL LOAN PROGRAM WITHIN ITS CENTER ON DISABILITY STUDIES.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 150 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CERTAIN LANES IN URBAN OAHU.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 151 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ASSESS PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHINATOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT BASED ON THE SPECIAL DISTRICT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 152 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN FOR KUKUI GARDENS AND MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.C.R. No. 153 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ‘DIVIDED WE FAIL’ CAMPAIGN.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 68 to 83) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

Senate Resolution

S.R. No. 68 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A AND PHTHALATES IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN’S TOYS AND CHILDCARE PRODUCTS.”

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Baker, Ige, Kim, Nishihara.

S.R. No. 69 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE AND ESTABLISH A PILOT PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.R. No. 70 “SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ‘BUY LOCAL’ TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABILITY.”

Offered by: Senators Inouye, English, Tokuda, Bunda, Gabbard, Ige, Taniguchi.

S.R. No. 71 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CHANGE THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ALLOW CHILDREN WHO ARE HOME SCHOOLED TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.”

Offered by: Senator Slom.

S.R. No. 72 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.”

Offered by: Senators Slom, Trimble.

S.R. No. 73 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE THE HALEAKALA TRAIL AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.”

Offered by: Senators Slom, Espero, Fukunaga, Trimble.

S.R. No. 74 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO VOLUNTARILY UTILIZE BIODEGRADABLE OR RECYCLABLE NON-POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE-WARE.”

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland, English, Fukunaga, Hooser, Inouye, Baker, Espero, Gabbard, Hee, Hemmings, Ige, Kokubun, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Slom, Tokuda, Trimble.

S.R. No. 75 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY’S ROLE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO DETERMINE HOW THE AGENCY CAN BE INVOLVED MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN IDENTIFYING HEALTH CARE GOALS AND ARTICULATING AN OVERALL HEALTH CARE VISION FOR THE STATE.”

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland.

S.R. No. 76 "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE DESIGNATION OF GALBRAITH LANDS AS IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AND PRESERVE AND PERPETUATE THEM AS AGRICULTURAL LANDS."

Offered by: Senator Bunda.

S.R. No. 77 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACQUIRE THE LAND IN WAHIAWA, OAHU, UNDERLYING LAKE WILSON AND APPURTENANT LANDS ONLY IF CERTAIN REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED BY THE CURRENT OWNERS."

Offered by: Senator Bunda.

S.R. No. 78 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO CONVERT TO EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS."

Offered by: Senators Bunda, Chun Oakland, English, Fukunaga, Hooser, Inouye, Baker, Espero, Gabbard, Hee, Hemmings, Ige, Kokubun, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Slom, Tokuda, Trimble.

S.R. No. 79 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REGULARLY CONSULT WITH HO'OLAULIMA IA KAWAI NUI TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND SCENIC RESOURCES OF KAWAI NUI MARSH."

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Ige.

S.R. No. 80 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CERTAIN LANES IN URBAN OAHU."

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.R. No. 81 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ASSESS PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHINATOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT BASED ON THE SPECIAL DISTRICT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS."

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.R. No. 82 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN FOR KUKUI GARDENS AND MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES."

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

S.R. No. 83 "SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 'DIVIDED WE FAIL' CAMPAIGN."

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2923) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ANN R.

BOTTICELLI to the Education Commission of the States, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 341.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2923 and Gov. Msg. No. 341 was deferred until Thursday, March 13, 2008.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2924) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROY T. OGAWA to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 349.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2924 and Gov. Msg. No. 349 was deferred until Thursday, March 13, 2008.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2918 (Gov. Msg. No. 403):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2918 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SHIRLEY MIKI KAWAMURA to the Defender Council, term to expire June 30, 2010, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2919 (Gov. Msg. No. 404):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2919 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KENNETH T. TAIRA to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, term to expire June 30, 2012, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2920 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 405, 406 and 407):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2920 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Language Access Advisory Council of the following:

EARNEST CHUNG, term to expire June 30, 2012 (Gov. Msg. No. 405);

DOMINIC K. INOCELDA, term to expire June 30, 2012 (Gov. Msg. No. 406); and

GERALD HISASHI OHTA, term to expire June 30, 2012 (Gov. Msg. No. 407),

seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2921 (Gov. Msg. No. 409):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2921 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MAUREEN K. MURAOKA to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu, term to expire June 30, 2012, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2922 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 410 and 411):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2922 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation of the following:

PETER J. HAMASAKI, term to expire June 30, 2012 (Gov. Msg. No. 410); and

KEVIN P.H. SUMIDA, term to expire June 30, 2012 (Gov. Msg. No. 411),

seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

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

**REFERRAL OF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The President made the following committee assignments of concurrent resolutions that were offered on Friday, March 7, 2008, and Monday, March 10, 2008:

Senate

Concurrent

Resolution Referred to:

S.C.R. No. 96 Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 97 Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 98 Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 99 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 100 Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

S.C.R. No. 101 Committee on Public Safety

S.C.R. No. 102 Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

S.C.R. No. 103 Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 104 Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health

S.C.R. No. 105 Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Public Safety

S.C.R. No. 106 Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

S.C.R. No. 107 Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 108 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

S.C.R. No. 109 Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

S.C.R. No. 110 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 111 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 112 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 113 Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 114 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 115 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 116 Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.C.R. No. 117 Committee on Economic Development and Taxation

S.C.R. No. 118 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 119 Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

S.C.R. No. 120 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 121 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 122 Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

S.C.R. No. 123 Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

S.C.R. No. 124 Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of resolutions that were offered on Friday, March 7, 2008, and Monday, March 10, 2008:

Senate

Resolution

Referred to:

S.R. No. 56 Committee on Public Safety

S.R. No. 57 Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

S.R. No. 58 Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health

S.R. No. 59 Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Public Safety

S.R. No. 60 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

S.R. No. 61 Committee on Education

S.R. No. 62 Committee on Economic Development
and Taxation

S.R. No. 63 Committee on Education

**REFERRAL OF
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The President made the following committee assignments of House concurrent resolutions that were received on Friday, March 7, 2008:

House
Concurrent
Resolution

Referred to:

H.C.R. No. 11 Committee on Health

H.C.R. No. 25 Jointly to the Committee on Health and
the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

H.C.R. No. 33, H.D. 1 Committee on Health

H.C.R. No. 53 Jointly to the Committee on Health and
the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

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

House Bill

Referred to:

H.B. No. 2302, H.D. 2 Jointly to the Committee on
Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and
the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee
on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 2605, H.D. 2 Committee on Economic
Development and Taxation, then to the Committee on Ways and
Means

Senator Ige, Chair of the Committee on Health, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. Nos. 2306 and 2540.

Senator Ige noted:

“Madam President, H.B. No. 2306, Relating To The General Excise Tax, clarifies the application of the GET to contracts for the administration of the federal TRICARE program; we had heard a similar Senate Bill.

“And H.B. No. 2540, Relating To Taxation, provides an income tax, general excise tax exemption for companies that provide potable water and are exempt under Section 501(c)(12) of the IRC.

“A hearing is required in order to meet the deadline for triple referral bills.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

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

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

“I did want to give all the members an update on our efforts for the paperless project. The staff compiled the statistics for the month of February, and I’m pleased to report that the Senate generated a total of more than 1.7 million fewer pages in the month of February. So the project to date has resulted in a savings of at this point more than 4.3 million pages. And I wanted to congratulate all the members and all the staff and everyone involved with the project because it’s clearly been going better than even I, as an optimist, expected.

“I also want to report on an interesting phenomenon. On the first bill introduction deadline, approximately 150 individuals had requested the CD-roms that had all of the documents on it. And that request is down to 85. So it’s about 60 fewer. I do think that the public is getting used to being able to count on getting access to information from our website, so the numbers of even CDs have been reduced further.

“So I just wanted to congratulate all the members and staff. And we are looking at the notion of expanding to other committees as we work through the process. So congratulations to everyone involved. Thank you.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2008.