

FIFTIETH DAY

Thursday, April 15, 2010

The Senate of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2010, convened at 11:41 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Shawna Lau Kong, Office of the Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Hawai'i State Senate, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Ige, Ihara, and Sakamoto who were excused.

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

At this time, the following introduction was made to members of the Senate:

Senator Espero introduced a group of 5th grade students from 'Ewa Elementary School who were accompanied by teachers Kim Amodo, Carrie LaForteza, Wendy Alverio, and student teacher Ruby Kim.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 477 to 479) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 477, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2010, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2596 as Act 21, entitled: "RELATING TO TAX CREDITS."

Gov. Msg. No. 478, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2010, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2600 as Act 22, entitled: "RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 479, dated April 14, 2010, transmitting the Governor's statement of objections to House Bill No. 1868, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE," which was returned to the Senate without approval and reads as follows:

"EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

April 14, 2010

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1868

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 1868, entitled 'A Bill for an Act Relating to Civil Service.'

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit all civil service employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements from taking leaves of absence to serve for more than one year in certain appointed positions in the executive and judicial branches. The one-year leave of absence would also apply to civil service employees whose collective bargaining agreements do not provide for the granting of longer leaves for the purpose of serving in appointed positions.

This bill is objectionable for the following reasons. First, this measure provides unfair and disparate treatment between career civil servants depending on whether they are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Because there are a number of collective bargaining agreements covering Hawaii

Government Employees Association and United Public Worker employees that provide for four-year leaves of absence to serve in appointed positions, this bill conflicts with section 89C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires employers to provide employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements with compensation and benefit packages that are at least equal to compensation and benefit packages provided under collective bargaining agreements for counterparts or subordinates within the employer's jurisdiction. Section 89C-3 was recently interpreted by the State Circuit Court to mean that a vacation leave or temporary assignment program offered by a public employer only to civil service employees through a collective bargaining agreement constituted a distinct "benefit" that must be offered equally to all of that employer's civil service employees. As such, we believe, this bill is in conflict with current law. Given that section 89C-6 allows chapter 89C to take precedence over all other statutes, including chapter 76 as amended by this bill, we also note House Bill No. 1868 is for all practical purposes unenforceable.

Second, the net effect of this measure will be to impose severe practical constraints on the ability of various appointing authorities, including the Governor, to fill certain appointed positions such as department directors, deputies, and board and commission members. The number of career civil servants willing to take these types of appointments would be severely reduced without assurances that they will be able to keep their hard earned benefits by returning to their previous positions after the end of an appointment. Although this bill will not affect my administration, it will have a significant impact on the next administration.

Third, this measure needlessly limits valuable opportunities for career civil servants to serve in higher level appointed leadership positions in our government. By specifically targeting civil servants not covered by collective bargaining agreements—who often tend to be managerial and supervisory employees—the State will lose out on the valuable knowledge and expertise that these civil servants will bring to their appointed positions.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 1868 without my approval.

Respectfully,

/s/ Linda Lingle
LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii"

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 569 to 572) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 569, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2010, the House discharged all conferees to the H.B. No. 2383, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 570, informing the Senate that the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives on April 14, 2010:

H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1985, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2421, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2866, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1; and
S.B. No. 2650, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 571, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2010, the House discharged all conferees to H.B. No. 2351 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 572, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2010, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 7, 2010, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills, and said bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No. 2085, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2086, H.D. 2, S.D. 2; and
H.B. No. 2383, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3151) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BRUCE T. KAWANO to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai'i, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 384.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3151 and Gov. Msg. No. 384 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3152) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MORRIS H. KANESHIRO to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 385.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3152 and Gov. Msg. No. 385 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3153) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Massage Therapy of the following:

LAURA Y. CHOCK, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 387; and

OLIVIA B. NAGASHIMA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 388.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3153 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 387 and 388 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3154) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Board of Public Accountancy of the following:

STEVEN R. OBERG CPA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 401; and

STEVEN R. OBERG CPA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 402.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3154 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 401 and 402 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3155) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CARL K. YORITA to the Hawaii Medical Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 404.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3155 and Gov. Msg. No. 404 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3156) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DAVID R. KERN to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 405.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3156 and Gov. Msg. No. 405 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3157) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TODD K. INAFUKU to the Board of Pharmacy, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 406.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3157 and Gov. Msg. No. 406 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3158) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SCOTT A. SHERLEY to the Real Estate Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 407.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3158 and Gov. Msg. No. 407 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3159) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GORDON L. FULLER to the Statewide Council on Independent Living, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 445.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3159 and Gov. Msg. No. 445 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senators Gabbard and Fukunaga, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3160) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHAEL BUCHAL to the Board of Directors of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 395.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3160 and Gov. Msg. No. 395 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3161) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission of the following:

TREVOR H. KAINOA DAINES, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 393;

KALEIAHIHI K. FERMANTEZ, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 409;

KALEIAHIHI K. FERMANTEZ, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 410; and

DORADEEN M. KANUHA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 434.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3161 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 393, 409, 410, and 434 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3162) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RICHARD SCHNITZLER to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 411.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3162 and Gov. Msg. No. 411 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3163) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JEFFREY N. DODGE to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 433.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3163 and Gov. Msg. No. 433 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Tokuda, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3164) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of FEREDOUN DON PARSIA, MD to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 397.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3164 and Gov. Msg. No. 397 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3165) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Stadium Authority of the following:

KATHRYN WHANG INOUE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 200;

KENNETH B. MARCUS ESQ., in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 199; and

ALAN S. TAMAYOSE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 198.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3165 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 200, 199, and 198 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Taniguchi, for the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3166) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of EDELENE O. URIARTE to the Language Access Advisory Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 351.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3166 and Gov. Msg. No. 351 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Tokuda, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3167) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of STEVEN CHARLES WHEELWRIGHT to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 436.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3167 and Gov. Msg. No. 436 was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senators Gabbard and Baker, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and

Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168) recommending that H.C.R. No. 230 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168 and H.C.R. No. 230, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE END-USE EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP TO CONVENE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION AND WORK TOWARDS A CONSENSUS POSITION TO PROMOTE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS," was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169) recommending that H.C.R. No. 51, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169 and H.C.R. No. 51, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER AS CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK," was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170) recommending that H.C.R. No. 62, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170 and H.C.R. No. 62, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF HAWAII'S FRAIL AND VULNERABLE POPULATION," was deferred until Friday, April 16, 2010.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3145 (Gov. Msg. No. 394):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3145 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator English and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PETER H. COOPER to the Environmental Council, term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Senator English.

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3146 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 418 and 419):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3146 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Takamine and carried.

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

JEFFREY ALAN HAWK, term to expire June 30, 2014 (Gov. Msg. No. 418); and

SHIRLEY MIKI KAWAMURA, term to expire June 30, 2014 (Gov. Msg. No. 419),

seconded by Senator Takamine.

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3147 (Gov. Msg. No. 420):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3147 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Takamine and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DANIEL KAWAMURA to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Senator Takamine.

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3148 (Gov. Msg. No. 421):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3148 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Takamine and carried.

Senator Taniguchi then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ELENA M.H. CABATU to the Commission on the Status of Women, term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Senator Takamine.

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3149 (Gov. Msg. No. 392):

Senator Kidani moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3149 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chun Oakland and carried.

Senator Kidani then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of R. ERIC HO'OLULUKAMAKANI BEAVER, ESQ. to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (PHA), term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Senator Chun Oakland.

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

MATTER DEFERRED FROM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3150 (H.C.R. No. 178):

On motion by Senator Hooser, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 178, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII," was adopted.

FINAL READING

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

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 898, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 898, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

S.B. No. 2775, S.D. 1, H.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Fukunaga, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2775, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2775, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLICITY RIGHTS NAMES AS DISTINGUISHED FROM TRADE NAMES AND SPECIFYING REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR PUBLICITY RIGHTS NAMES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 482P," passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ige, Ihara, Sakamoto).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Senator Espero moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 8, 2010, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried.

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the managers on the part of the Senate recommended that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1 on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 3 (Espero, Taniguchi, Slom). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senator Espero then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments made by the House to S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Taniguchi.

Senator Espero noted:

"This measure is, 'Relating to Firearms.' I attempted to rename it, 'The Sarah Palin Act of 2010,' but that did not go very well. However, this measure deals with the prohibition against the seizure during emergencies of personal firearms. The changes are non-substantive, technical, and I recommend that we pass it. 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. 358, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 358, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Senator Hee, Chair of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, requested that referrals of the following House concurrent resolutions to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs be waived pursuant to Senate Rule 46(4):

H.C.R. No. 46,
H.C.R. No. 47,
H.C.R. No. 89, and
H.C.R. No. 320.

Senator Hee noted:

"Thank you, Madam President. I request a waiver of the referral to the Committee on Water, Land, Ag, and Hawaiian Affairs for House Concurrent Resolution numbers 46, 47, 89, and 320 to bring these resolutions to the Senate floor for a vote in order to meet Monday's House concurrent resolution crossover deadline."

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Fukunaga, Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, requested a waiver of the notice

requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following House concurrent resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 87;
H.C.R. No. 161, H.D. 1;
H.C.R. No. 212;
H.C.R. No. 284;
H.C.R. No. 296; and
H.C.R. No. 297.

Senator Fukunaga noted:

“These resolutions need to be heard in order to position them for Monday’s crossover deadline.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

At this time, Senator Espero rose on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I am disappointed and disheartened by the actions of State Representative Kym Pine, the Republican from ‘Ewa Beach, in an e-mail she sent out last night that had blatant lies and false statements.

“Yesterday, she wrote that, ‘Senator Will Espero and Representative Angus McKelvey killed your flag bill today.’ That is an inaccurate statement. That is a malicious lie. Yesterday, the truth is we passed H.B. 2383, which deals with Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flags and allowing those flags to fly at the State Capitol and other Department of Defense state facilities during certain times.

“In her moment of turmoil and confusion, somehow Representative Pine from ‘Ewa Beach inserted the discussion and dialogue on H.B. 2311 regarding flagpoles in planned community associations. The Senate passed a resolution, and I believe the House will as well, that confirms and supports the right of all citizens to fly the American flag. This issue has brought awareness for many planned community associations and educated many people about a federal law—and that’s an important point, a federal law—that addresses the right of all Americans, all citizens, to fly the American flag.

“I understand at times we become emotional and passionate about our issues and our bills, but when a member of this robust body intentionally lies to promote her own cause, I must step forward. When a member of this body, the Hawai‘i State Legislature, manipulates an issue in order to get support from certain individuals, I must speak up. To state that we killed the flag bill is a blatant lie by the State Representative from ‘Ewa Beach; and please let the record show that this State Senator will not accept this type of language, this deceitful action, these words that do not belong. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.”

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

“Today is the tax deadline day for our federal taxes, and there is an event at the Capitol this afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m. It’s the second annual Tea Party, and I know there’ll be no dissension and everybody will join hands and come to that. They can bring their flags. They can bring whatever they would like to; and there’ll also be some educational films in the auditorium from 1 to 4 p.m. So, I extend an invitation, particularly to my colleagues who expressed on the Senate floor yesterday the real difficulty they have in raising taxes but did it anyway. They can come and absolve themselves this afternoon. There will be representatives from every religious persuasion. So, 4 to 7 p.m. Thank you, Madam President.”

At this time, the Chair made the following announcements:

“Referrals and re-referrals are made in accordance with the Supplemental Order of the Day that may be distributed to your offices this afternoon.

“Conferees will be named in accordance with the Action Sheets to be distributed to your offices later this afternoon.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on motion by Senator Hooser, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.