

THE
 TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
 STATE OF HAWAI'I
 REGULAR SESSION OF 2011
 JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

FIRST DAY

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2011, was called to order at 10:06 a.m., by the Honorable Malama Solomon, Temporary Chair of the Senate.

At this time, the members of the Senate and guests rose to sing the National Anthem and "Hawai'i Pono'i," led by Mr. Danny Kaleikini.

Senators Shimabukuro and Green presented Governor Neil Abercrombie and his wife Dr. Nancie Caraway with lei.

Nominations now being in order for a temporary clerk, Senator Kim nominated Carol Taniguchi, seconded by Senator Chun Oakland.

Senator Green moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Kahele and carried.

The Chair declared Carol Taniguchi as Temporary Clerk of the Senate.

Senator Fukunaga then moved that a Committee of three Senators be appointed by the Chair as a Committee on Credentials to examine the certificates of election of the newly elected members of the Senate and to submit a report of its findings to the Senate, seconded by Senator Nishihara and carried.

The Chair thereupon appointed Senators Galuteria, Kidani, and Slom to serve on such committee.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 501 and 502) were read by the Temporary Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 501, letter dated December 23, 2010, informing the Senate that the Governor appointed Malama Solomon to fill the vacancy as the member from the First Senatorial District, and Maile Shimabukuro to fill the vacancy as the member from the Twenty-First Senatorial District, with both terms expiring November 6, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Gov. Msg. No. 502, letter dated January 12, 2011, informing the Senate that the Governor appointed Gilbert Kahele to fill the vacancy as the member from the Second Senatorial District, was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

At 10:12 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Galuteria, for the Committee on Credentials, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1) as follows:

"Honorable Malama Solomon
 Temporary Chair of the Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 Regular Session of 2011
 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has examined the Certificates of Election of the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, and finds that the following persons have been legally elected and are fully qualified to sit as members of the Senate.

The newly elected Senators whose respective terms of office will expire on November 6, 2012, are:

Fourth Senatorial District

Shan S. Tsutsui

Seventh Senatorial District

Ronald D. Kouchi

Eighth Senatorial District

Sam Slom

Ninth Senatorial District

Les S. Ihara, Jr.

Tenth Senatorial District

Brian T. Taniguchi

Eleventh Senatorial District

Carol Fukunaga

Thirteenth Senatorial District

Suzanne N.J. Chun Oakland

Fourteenth Senatorial District

Donna Mercado Kim

Fifteenth Senatorial District

Glenn Wakai

Nineteenth Senatorial District

Mike Gabbard

Twentieth Senatorial District

Will Espero

Twenty-Second Senatorial District

Donovan Dela Cruz

Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District

Jill N. Tokuda

Twenty-Fifth Senatorial District

Pohai Ryan

Your Committee on Credentials further reports that it has received the following:

- (1) Governor's Message No. 501 and has examined the credentials of:
 - (A) The Honorable Malama Solomon and finds that she is fully qualified to fill the vacancy in the Senate, First District, created by the resignation of Senator Dwight Y. Takamine for the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, whose term of office will expire on November 6, 2012; and
 - (B) The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro and finds that she is fully qualified to fill the vacancy in the Senate, Twenty-First District, created by the resignation of Senator Colleen Hanabusa for the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, whose term of office will expire on November 6, 2012; and
- (2) Governor's Message No. 502 and has examined the credentials of the Honorable Gilbert Kahele and finds that he is fully qualified to fill the vacancy in the Senate, Second District, created by the resignation of Senator Russell S. Kokubun for the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, whose term of office will expire on November 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Brickwood Galuteria
/s/Michelle Kidani
/s/Sam Slom"

Senator Galuteria moved that Special Committee Report No. 1 be adopted, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried.

The Committee on Credentials was thereupon discharged with thanks.

The Chair called upon Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald of the Hawai'i Supreme Court to the rostrum to administer the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Senate.

Chief Justice Recktenwald administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Senate who were standing at their respective desks.

The Roll was then called by the Temporary Clerk showing all Senators present.

Nominations for officers of the Senate being next in order, Senator Baker placed in nomination the name of Senator Shan S. Tsutsui for President of the Senate, seconded by Senator Kidani.

Senator English moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Ryan.

The motion to close the nominations was then put by the Chair and carried unanimously, and the Temporary Clerk was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Shan S. Tsutsui as President of the Senate.

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Shan S. Tsutsui was declared unanimously elected President of the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2011.

The Chair then appointed Senators Kim and Ige to escort the President to the rostrum, and the President addressed the members of the Senate and guests as follows:

"Governor Abercrombie, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Schatz, Chief Justice Recktenwald, United States Senator Inouye, United States Senator Akaka, Mayor Arakawa, Former Governor and Mrs. Ariyoshi, Former Governor and Mrs. Waihe'e, Former Governor and Mrs. Cayetano, Former Governor Lingle, esteemed colleagues, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning and aloha.

"Today, as we have gathered here to start the 2011 session, I open with this assertion—that 'Better Days Are Ahead.' Together, we have weathered the worst of an economic storm that has battered us not only locally but globally. While our State continues to suffer from a sagging real estate market and high unemployment rates, we also see signs that we may be on the slow and arduous path to recovery, a journey in which we must concentrate all of our collective efforts to secure a better future, not just for us, but for our children and for the future generations to come.

"Today, all 25 State Senators come before you, humbled and privileged to lead our State into a new legislative session and to begin a new chapter in Hawai'i's history. In cooperation and collaboration with the Abercrombie administration, the House of Representatives, county officials, and most importantly, the people of Hawai'i, we can begin a time of healing and rebuilding for our great State.

"As we begin this new journey in 2011, it is true that we face many of the same challenges and issues from last year. We must once again address significant budget shortfalls, while continuing to provide necessary programs and services for our community.

"Balancing the needs of today with one eye on the future will be critical. We know refusing to fund social programs may save a few dollars today, but ends up costing us more in the long run. We know that burdening our residents and businesses with excessive taxes and fees may fulfill our immediate need for cash, but could slow economic recovery. We know that depending on tourism as our sole economic driver may provide benefits today, but does not satisfy the need for the diversified economy that will support generations to come. And, we know that by focusing on today's energy comforts over building our sustainable future in energy and agriculture robs our State and our counties of their full potential.

"The recent report on the Council on Revenues and other economic forecasts indicate that our state may have begun to turn the corner. With an increased revenue forecast of an additional one percent, an Administration that is committed to getting people back to work, the promising fact the State has also experienced a recent improvement in tourism in both visitor arrivals and spending, your Senate is hopeful that better days are ahead.

"While these examples indicate that hope is on the horizon, we must remember to be cautiously optimistic, but optimistic nonetheless.

"Teamwork and working together will be the key to moving us forward. Each of us here today, elected, appointed, and members of the public alike, play a crucial role for Team Hawai'i. The beauty of teamwork is that it allows each of us as individuals to accomplish something far greater than ourselves. It allows us to shoulder a shared burden and rely on the talents and skills of others, which together are far greater than our own.

"Perhaps one of the greatest examples of teamwork and what can be accomplished when committed individuals work

together is the remarkable story of the 33 Chilean miners who were trapped half a mile underground, yet emerged alive 70 days later. While you're all familiar with their story, there are two principles that struck me as instrumental in the survival and ultimate rescue of the miners, and they are hope and teamwork.

"Hope lived in each of the miners and their families and friends, especially for each of the first 17 days that passed before the miners made contact with those on the surface. Hope lived in the belief that they would eventually be rescued, even though the earliest estimations projected nearly five months before drilling would reach the miners' location.

"Teamwork was also paramount. The miners benefitted from the leadership of one man, Luis Urzua, who not only rationed the provisions, organized the miners and their work, and assisted with the rescue plan, but also recognized and maximized the strengths and talents of his fellow miners and remained open to input from his team to ensure their collective survival and rescue. Of course, teamwork did not stop there. Up on the surface, experts from all around the world rallied together to devise and successfully execute a plan for the miners' rescue, which ultimately came ahead of schedule.

"With all that could have gone terribly wrong, their story showed us that with hope and teamwork the most impossible goals are in fact possible. And while our journey here will require hope and teamwork, we must also have a plan to reach those 'better days.'

"To jump start our economy, the Senate will propose an aggressive plan to improve our infrastructure throughout the State and deal with the years and years of deferred repair and maintenance projects. We will ensure that our schools provide a safe and proper learning environment, our roads are maintained for everyday travel, our hospitals are safe and operational, and many of our state programs and services are properly housed and administered. We also will continue to modernize our harbors to create greater efficiency for commerce and the businesses that use them, and provide for our airports the re-modernization necessary to ensure safety, efficiency, and viability to help sustain our tourism industry and residential needs.

"Secondly, the only way that our State can prosper is to prepare an educated workforce that maintains high standards for our students, teachers, and administrators. Therefore, the Senate will not only make sure that public school furloughs are a thing of the past, but we will also provide for the overall advancement of our public education system. To do so, the Senate will continue to focus on providing our State with accountability and leadership in education. We will do that by working together with education leaders and stakeholders to increase the time that our children spend with highly qualified teachers. In addition, the Senate sees the University of Hawai'i System as a critical component in our P-20 educational effort and will continue to direct resources toward strategic objectives with the goal of building upon each of the strengths of our 10 campuses statewide.

"This Senate also realizes that strengthening our economy and moving toward sustainability go hand in hand. Today, Hawai'i still imports nearly 90 percent of its food from the mainland and from foreign countries. However, locally grown products can be less expensive, more nutritious, and, as we all know, way more one than imported food. An increased investment in local agriculture will help us build a more diversified economy that is enhanced by industries such as tourism and other trades throughout our State. The Senate will continue to work with agricultural leaders to increase its effort to promote the sale of local products not only here, but to the U.S. mainland and throughout the Pacific.

"Equally important will be the advancements in energy sustainability therefore the Senate will continue to work toward reducing Hawai'i's dependency on foreign oil and maximize alternative energy options that will help us save money and help us save our 'āina.

"While the Senate is focused on the budget, education, and sustainability, we will not lose sight of our obligation to provide resources for our human service programs. The Senate will continue to provide support for our keiki, kūpuna, families, and individuals who are in the greatest need. And, as one of my favorite nonprofits on Maui would say, let's work with individuals to provide a hand up and not a hand out and help people in need restore their hope, reach their full potentials, and enrich their lives.

"In addition, let us not forget our commitment to the Hawaiian people. With seven members of Hawaiian heritage, the Senate will look to them to lead us in dealing with issues that affect the Hawaiian community. Let us work with stakeholders and move forward on a Ceded Lands Settlement to fulfill our responsibility to the Native Hawaiian community.

"And these are just a few of the many initiatives that the Senate will undertake this year all leading us to better days ahead.

"Speaking of better days ahead, we are fortunate for the selection of Hawai'i as the location for the upcoming meeting for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, better known as APEC. The meeting will be held this November where President Obama will host APEC leaders who will focus on the development of widespread initiatives to help accelerate growth and create jobs across the Asia-Pacific region. This opportunity to host such a prestigious event provides our State with increased exposure and increased recognition as a formidable business destination. Let us use this opportunity to showcase our State and our culture to the rest of the world. This is an opportunity for us to plant investment ideas and capital that will have a positive economic impact for the years to come.

"Finally, we will remain undeterred from our mission.

"To succeed, it will require compassion for those who are most in need, sacrifice from all of us, and a desire, an unshakable desire, to make things better.

"This is a tough challenge that we face. At times, we will need to agree to disagree, but I believe we will rise to meet this challenge. And we will do so, by not pitting one person against another or by creating a society of haves and have-nots, but by coming together as one 'ohana.

"We have to be responsible and we all have to be part of the solution and that commitment begins today as we prepare for better days ahead.

"Mahalo and aloha."

At this time, the Chair called on Senate Minority Leader Sam Slom.

Senator Slom rose to make the following remarks:

"Senate President Tsutsui, thank you for your inspiring words. Governor Abercrombie and Lieutenant Governor Schatz, former Governors Linda Lingle, John Waihe'e, Ben Cayetano, and George Ariyoshi, and our two distinguished United States Senators Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka, and our Chief Justice of our Supreme Court, Mark Recktenwald. On behalf of the entire Senate minority, Aloha!

"Ladies and gentlemen, some people have referred to me as 'The Lone Ranger' because, apparently, throughout the entire United States I am the only single party Senator in a State legislature. The Ranger may have been 'lone' but he was a good

guy; he was unafraid of the odds against him, and he was able to inspire the townspeople to join together and act in their common defense. I will strive to live up to that reputation. However, the Lone Ranger wasn't alone. Even many of my majority party colleagues have been most accommodating and helpful; and for that, I thank them. They understand the need for two parties in the Legislature. My role—as I see it—is to ensure that Hawai'i's Legislature leads in creating a strong and independent Hawai'i for our future, and to make sure that we're doing the best that we can, with the least that we can, for the benefit of all of Hawai'i's citizens.

"Hawai'i still enjoys two competitive philosophies and this is not dependent on the number of Republican Senators. Our philosophy emphasizes individual risk and accomplishment, lower taxes on families and small businesses, transparency in government, and more economic choices for everyone. One of the primary differences in our political philosophy is that the party that I represent believes in the ability of each individual to achieve greatness without the yoke of government. Nationally, and in Hawai'i, we have encouraged an entire generation to shelve their self-reliance and become government dependent. The result has been more people, even some businesses and organizations, clamoring for government subsidy. They have gone to the taxpayer well too often. Now, that well is nearly dry.

"The big issues we face during this session clearly are The Budget, The Budget, and The Budget. We continue to be aware of our state's severe economic challenges—many of which have been created by our own state government—and we know that there has been some positive recovery, notably in the visitor industry—for which we are grateful—but we've not really turned the corner for small businesses, retailing, manufacturing, or most households. We are not inviting new investment or major private job creation to the extent that we need.

"Without systemic changes, we cannot improve Hawai'i's economy. Without holding ourselves to the same laws we pass, we cannot hope to make more transparent what we often do behind closed doors in this building. Expenses can be cut back; they must be cut back in the legislature, and just as individuals, families, and small business have been doing for years. The era of government free spending is over, though some people in Hawai'i's government remain still in denial.

"Our state Employees Retirement System (the ERS) is deemed, 'the 5th worst in the nation'; it's in trouble and underfunded by more than \$7 billion. The ERS must be changed for future beneficiaries. Our state EUTF (the Employees Health Trust Fund) is likewise fiscally challenged due to decades of overgenerous benefits.

"Our state hospital system needs annual 'emergency' subsidies, as does our Medicaid programs. Our Human Services Department revealed the other day it will now operate on a \$2.3 billion budget. That cost is second only to education, which it will surpass in a few years.

"Homelessness grows at an alarming rate without an answer to the financial and human problems. We continue to create more poverty through increased taxes, fees and regulations, and then we subsidize the result of legislative excess.

"Hawai'i continues to suffer from unfunded federal mandates that are quickly draining our treasury, while diminishing our 10th Amendment sovereignty rights. It's time to take back the inherent state rights granted in our Constitution, and that's the pledge we all took this morning.

"Government has allowed our basic infrastructure to deteriorate, including our roads, airports, harbors, parks, sewers, and water systems, no matter how much taxpayer money we spend, but this is not just about money; it's about leadership and

discipline. It's about setting the bar higher for our citizens to follow. It's about the future that we will leave for our children.

"Lessons were learned in most other states in the 2010 elections, and the change in political climate outside of Hawai'i is real and lasting. Change will come to Hawai'i.

"This session, we must focus on the primary issues important to our residents: jobs, a positive business climate, the budget, meaningful education reforms and infrastructure, and not be dissuaded or out of focus with other issues that are not important to these economic priorities. We believe that instead of just offering an opposition to ill-conceived bills, or poorly drafted bills, we need to offer real alternatives. We hope to work closely with the majority, and in the days ahead we will detail specifics, including: an alternative budget, an operating balanced budget, showing where cuts could and must be made while keeping our pledge for 'NO NEW TAXES'; public education incentives that challenge students and reward meritorious teachers without further restrictions in instructional days. But throwing more dollars—\$2.7 billion now—while enrollment, classroom teachers, instructional days and results decline, is not good business, it's not good education, and it MUST be changed.

"Our University of Hawai'i, my alma mater, needs to be more independent of government micromanagement so it can be truly a great university. Voluntary, reasonable energy alternatives, including authorizing new, micronuclear facilities for Hawai'i must be explored. Passage of measures to restore political power to all the people including initiative, referendum, recall, and term limits; and the ability for all of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiians to join legislators to identify what we all need together here in Hawai'i, as opposed to behind closed doors in Washington, D.C. Hawaiians need to be full partners and equal economic beneficiaries in an improved Hawai'i.

"Hawai'i needs an economic jump-start, not from more government stimulus debt, but from the ideas and experience of those who create jobs. They have offered to help us; we need to listen to them and to act. We CAN do this. We must listen to the farmers, the restaurateurs, those in the hospitality industry, technology innovators, and the medical professionals when they specifically tell us what they need to succeed.

"We also celebrate and honor all of our men and women in uniform and are grateful for the military's many contributions—not just financial—to our community.

"The adversity of the current economic slowdown actually is a real opportunity for us to 'right-size.' Our state government has been growing exponentially faster than the private sector and the taxpayers are called upon to support it. Through public workforce attrition and smart deployment of our limited resources, we can bring government to the size we can afford while still protecting core services.

"Our professed belief in sustainability should not be solely related to energy. We need to allow families and small businesses to sustain their standard of living by not overburdening them with more taxes and fees.

"We also know that we need to have both a viable economy and a pristine environment. Medical waste and other toxins in our oceans is outrageous and unacceptable. This is a failure of government despite massive tax dollars.

"Not surprisingly, there is public discontent with our State Legislature. Many believe we spend too much time on increasing our own salaries and benefits, exempting ourselves from the laws that we pass for others, and covering up questionable ethics. The good news is we have several new, fresh faces, and the tools and resources, if we have the political

will to change.

“We are compassionate people, but not at the expense of complacency of our fiscal responsibilities. Your minority stands for the enforcement of existing laws rather than more laws. We approach this Session with enthusiasm for the opportunities that these tough times present and we believe in Hawai‘i’s people. We celebrate our individual God-given liberty and our ability to change for the better. This is not a partisan issue. We can navigate a different course. We can make that happen with the vision of what Hawai‘i can be. Let’s start today.

“Mahalo, God Bless Hawai‘i, and Aloha.”

At 10:46 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

At this time, the members of the Senate and their guests were entertained by the Kamehameha Schools Children’s Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Lynell K. Bright.

The Senate reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

The President then announced that nominations were in order for the office of Vice President of the Senate.

Senator Kouchi placed in nomination the name of Senator Donna Mercado Kim for Vice President of the Senate, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz.

Senator Ihara moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Tokuda.

The motion was then put by the Chair and carried unanimously and the Temporary Clerk was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Donna Mercado Kim as Vice President of the Senate.

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Donna Mercado Kim was declared unanimously elected as Vice President of the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2011.

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 1) was read by the Temporary Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 1 “SENATE RESOLUTION ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.”

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Slom.

At 11:16 a.m. the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

On motion by Senator Gabbard, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, S.R. No. 1 was adopted.

The President thereupon administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers of the Senate: Clerk Carol T. Taniguchi, Assistant Clerk Laurel A. Johnston, Sergeant-at-Arms Bienvenido C. Villafior, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Jayson M. Watts.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.C.R. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

S.C.R. No. 1 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HAWAII SUPREME COURT TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLED IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS.”

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Slom.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Ryan and carried, S.C.R. No. 1 was adopted.

At 11:18 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

At this time, the members of the Senate and their guests were entertained by the Society of Seven and renowned singer and songwriter Willie K.

The Senate reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the following bills passed First Reading by title and were deferred:

S.B. No. 1 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THEIR LANDS, ENTITLEMENTS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE.”

Introduced by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Kouchi.

S.B. No. 2 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND.”

Introduced by: Senators Solomon, English, Galuteria, Kahele, Kidani, Ryan.

S.B. No. 3 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A STATE LOTTERY.”

Introduced by: Senators Solomon, Galuteria.

S.B. No. 4 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAMBLING.”

Introduced by: Senators Nishihara, Chun Oakland, Espero, Wakai.

S.B. No. 5 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.”

Introduced by: Senator Nishihara.

S.B. No. 6 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS.”

Introduced by: Senators Nishihara, Chun Oakland, English, Wakai, Dela Cruz.

S.B. No. 7 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS.”

Introduced by: Senators Nishihara, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, English, Gabbard, Tokuda, Wakai.

S.B. No. 8 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.”

Introduced by: Senators Tokuda, Baker, Chun Oakland, Dela Cruz, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Ige, Ihara, Kahele, Kidani, Kim, Kouchi, Nishihara, Slom, Tsutsui, Wakai, Ryan.

S.B. No. 9 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.”

Introduced by: Senators Chun Oakland, Espero, Gabbard, Ihara, Solomon.

S.B. No. 10 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.”

- Introduced by: Senators Chun Oakland, Espero, Gabbard, Ihara, Solomon.
- S.B. No. 11 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SHERIFF.”
- Introduced by: Senators Chun Oakland, Espero, Gabbard, Ihara, Solomon.
- S.B. No. 12 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz.
- S.B. No. 13 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz, by request.
- S.B. No. 14 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz.
- S.B. No. 15 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz.
- S.B. No. 16 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz.
- S.B. No. 17 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRINKING WATER.”
- Introduced by: Senator Dela Cruz.
- S.B. No. 18 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROADWAY MATERIALS.”
- Introduced by: Senators Dela Cruz, Hee, Kouchi.
- S.B. No. 19 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE TREASURY.”
- Introduced by: Senators Kim, Chun Oakland, Baker, Dela Cruz, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Galuteria, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Kouchi, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom, Solomon, Taniguchi, Tokuda, Wakai.
- S.B. No. 20 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET.”
- Introduced by: Senators Kim, Chun Oakland, Baker, Dela Cruz, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Galuteria, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Kouchi, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom, Solomon, Taniguchi, Tokuda, Wakai.
- S.B. No. 21 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO TAXES.”
- Introduced by: Senators Green, Baker, Chun Oakland, Galuteria, Ige, Nishihara.
- S.B. No. 22 “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH CORPS.”
- Introduced by: Senators Green, Chun Oakland, Ige, Nishihara, Baker, Espero, Galuteria.

At this time, the following Senate leadership assignments were announced by Senate President Tsutsui:

- Majority Leader:
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
- Assistant Majority Leader:
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
- Majority Floor Leader:
Senator Will Espero
- Majority Caucus Leader:
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
- Majority Policy Leader:
Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
- Majority Whips:
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senator Jill N. Tokuda
- Minority Leader and Minority Floor Leader:
Senator Sam Slom

The President also announced the following standing committees of the Senate, their respective chairs and members:

AGRICULTURE

- Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Senator Glenn Wakai
Senator Sam Slom

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

- Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria
Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Senator Malama Solomon
Senator Sam Slom

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

- Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senator Malama Solomon
Senator Sam Slom

EDUCATION

- Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senator Sam Slom

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
Senator Sam Slom

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

- Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Senator J. Kalani English
Senator Clayton Hee

Senator Gilbert Kahele
 Senator Michelle N. Kidani
 Senator Malama Solomon
 Senator Sam Slom

HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
 Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
 Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
 Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
 Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
 Senator Glenn Wakai
 Senator Sam Slom

HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
 Senator Josh Green, M.D.
 Senator Sam Slom

JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
 Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
 Senator Mike Gabbard
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
 Senator Sam Slom

PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND
 MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Will Espero, Chair
 Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
 Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
 Senator Pohai Ryan
 Senator Sam Slom

TOURISM

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
 Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
 Senator Brickwood Galuteria
 Senator Gilbert Kahele
 Senator Sam Slom

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
 Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair
 Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
 Senator Mike Gabbard
 Senator Gilbert Kahele
 Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
 Senator Sam Slom

WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
 Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
 Senator Carol Fukunaga
 Senator Pohai Ryan
 Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
 Senator Jill N. Tokuda
 Senator Sam Slom

WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
 Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
 Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
 Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
 Senator J. Kalani English
 Senator Will Espero
 Senator Carol Fukunaga
 Senator Gilbert Kahele

Senator Donna Mercado Kim
 Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
 Senator Pohai Ryan
 Senator Jill N. Tokuda
 Senator Glenn Wakai
 Senator Sam Slom

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:04 p.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 2011.