

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, March 14, 2011

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2011, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journals of the Twenty-Seventh and Twenty-Eighth Days.

At this time, Senator Chun Oakland, on behalf of Senators Nishihara and Ige, introduced three sixth-grade student shadows from Pearl City Elementary—Courtney Segundo, Dayton Domingo-Brown, and Sawyer Matthews—who were accompanied by their teacher Mr. Russell Minobe and family members including Sawyer's brother Grayson and his grandfather Mr. Thompson; and Dayton's brother Ashton and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Domingo-Brown.

Senator Galuteria honored and commemorated the life of Kahauanu Lake—also known as “Uncle K,” “Mister K,” or just plain “K”—for his contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of classic Hawaiian music. Also recognized were the Kawai'ae'a family and Mr. Woody Chang, who represented the late Kahauanu Lake.

Senator Ryan recognized Elaine Nickie Ahuna Hines, affectionately known as “Auntie Nickie”, for being an excellent kupuna resource for the Hawaiian community.

Senator Kidani commended Kumu Hula John Renken Kaha'i Topolinski for his dedication and commitment to ensure that Nā Mea Hawai'i continue to be a part of our lives. Also recognized were his wife Anne; his daughter Kapu Ho'opi'i and her husband Shane Parker-Ho'opi'i; and his son Micah Topolinski and his wife Kimberly Ventura. Also seated in the gallery were members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, members of Hale o Nā Ali'i O Po'omaikelani, and members of Ka Pā Hula Hawai'i.

Senator Solomon congratulated Kauanoe Kamanā for earning one of the first doctorates in Hawaiian language and for her work mentoring and educating the youth of Hawai'i as principal of Hilo's Ke Kula 'O Nāwahioikalani'ōpu'u Iki Laboratory Public Charter School, a Hawaiian language immersion school.

Senator Kahele recognized Mr. Louis Hao for his outstanding lifelong contributions to the Native Hawaiian community. Mr. Hao was accompanied by his wife Leifi and brother Larry Hao.

Senator English acknowledged Dr. Noa Emmett Aluli for his efforts in improving the health and welfare of Native Hawaiians and bringing global attention to the devastation of the island of Kaho'olawe.

Senator Kim introduced Jory Watland, a constituent from Kalihi Valley.

At 12:04 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:19 p.m.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 355) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 355, transmitting H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 11, 2011, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 56, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN APRIL AS EQUAL PAY DAY IN HAWAII, AND URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE REMEDIES FOR VICTIMS OF WAGE DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENDER,” was deferred.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 82 to 88) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 82 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ALL HAWAII HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES.”

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, English, Hee, Kidani, Tokuda, Kahele, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 83 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON POTENTIAL USES FOR THE FORMER KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.”

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Espero, Hee, Kidani, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 84 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM AMONG NATIVE HAWAIIANS.”

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Espero, Hee, Kahele, Kidani, Ryan, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 85 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.”

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Galuteria, Kahele, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 86 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.”

Offered by: Senator Slom.

S.C.R. No. 87 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PRESENTING THE SENTIMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE ON A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.”

Offered by: Senator Slom.

S.C.R. No. 88 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPLICATION TO CONGRESS FOR THE CALLING OF A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.”

Offered by: Senator Slom.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 796 (Gov. Msg. No. 509):

Senator Chun Oakland moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 796 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Ihara and carried.

Senator Chun Oakland then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PATRICIA MCMANAMAN as the Director of the Department of Human Services, for a term of to expire December 1, 2014, seconded by Senator Ihara.

Senator Chun Oakland rose in support of the nominee as follows:

“Colleagues, I believe that Patricia McManaman’s extensive experience, demonstrated leadership abilities, commitment to serving underserved and underrepresented members of our community, compassion, and personal integrity qualify her for the Director of Human Services. Ms. McManaman brings the Department of Human Services over 30 years of public service for Hawai‘i’s working class, low-income and immigrant communities. She has a deep understanding of the nonprofit community, a commitment to civil rights, and deep experience as an attorney. Throughout Ms. McManaman’s career, she has provided services as case manager, outreach worker, informal counselor, community advocate, community planner, activist, and administrator. Her clients have included the homeless, public housing tenants, persons with physical and mental disabilities, domestic violence and human trafficking victims, immigrants and citizens, felons, and other disenfranchised members of the community. During Ms. McManaman’s tenure as the Executive Director of Nā Loio Immigrants Rights and Public Interest Legal Center, she addressed systemic issues that impacted the Department of Human Services.

“In 2006, she was a key player in the development of Act 290. This act led to the creation of the Office of Language Access, which has been a guiding force in ensuring that equal access to state-funded services for Hawai‘i’s limited-English speaking residents was achieved. Immediately upon her appointment as interim director in December 2010, Ms. McManaman and the Department of Human Services were compelled to make some very difficult decisions in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The cost-saving initiatives were undertaken in direct response to shortfalls in the TANF budget for the 2011 fiscal year. Ms. McManaman made these decisions to terminate contracts for worthy nonprofit service providers and seek an emergency appropriation to offset DHS’s cost overruns. Ms. McManaman dealt with the providers and the communities affected by the TANF cuts with compassion, honesty, and forthright conversations.

“The last few years have presented some of the most challenging times ever experienced by the department. The department has to deal with budget cuts, lack of funding, furloughs, reductions in force, retirements, higher caseloads, decreased services, and poor morale among staff. However, in Ms. McManaman’s short time with the department, she has been proactive and understanding of the multitude of issues faced by the department. She has demonstrated the ability to listen to concerns and has provided recommendations on how to move the department forward. Ms. McManaman is a true public servant with intelligence, compassion, character, and integrity to lead the department in these challenging times. The department is recognized as a vast and complex department with the broad mandate to assist people in need; in Ms. McManaman’s own words, ‘It is a big department with a big mission and a big heart.’ To that end, I believe that Ms. McManaman’s expertise, leadership, honesty, and commitment to the public good will serve Hawai‘i and the department very well. I respectfully request my colleagues to support G.M. No. 509. Thank you, Mr. 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 Chun Oakland introduced Director McManaman, who was accompanied by her husband Michael Tanigawa, daughter Sam Tanigawa, father Ray McManaman, mother-in-law Uki Tanigawa, sister-in-law Noe Tanigawa, brother-in-law Terry Lau, aunts Janet Hirata and Jane Niitsuma, uncle Kanji Niitsuma, and friends from the Department of Human Services who were seated in the gallery.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 797 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 524 and 526):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 797 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator English and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations as the Director for the Office of Environmental Quality Control of the following:

GARY HOOSER, term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 524); and

GARY HOOSER, term to expire June 30, 2015 (Gov. Msg. No. 526),

seconded by Senator English.

Senator Hee rose to make the following remarks:

“Mr. President, I, with a very troubled heart, ask for a one-day delay on this Governor’s Message. I recently found an article penned by the nominee entitled, ‘Dangerous Equations,’ and it called to my memory how this nominee fought vigorously for the three-strikes law that we are trying to repeal today, how the nominee fought vigorously for the wiretap law which rendered only me as a lone voter against such a law that prides into the privacy of others. Mr. President, this is an outrage. The Senate must do its work and revisit this nominee, so I therefore request a one-day delay on the nomination. Thank you, Mr. President.

“By the way, it need not be said the question, ‘What is the urgency?’ Why the rush? Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Tokuda rose in inquiry and said:

“Mr. President, would the previous speaker consider an extension to a 40-hour delay in consideration partly so that we can ensure that the nominee has adequate face time in the media?”

Senator Hee responded:

“Mr. President, 40 hours would mean we’d be back... I can’t compute it offhand, but she is the Education Chair, so I’m sure she knows what 40 hours would be from now. But I would consider it, but maybe a one-year delay. Maybe I misspoke too quickly. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Kim rose in response and said:

“Can I add to this? Can I request—having served with Senator Hooser for many years and just wanting to keep him around, and maybe perhaps we can get some candles and have a lighting ceremony—I’d like to request that we delay for seven days. That’s probably easier to compute, Senator Hee. Thank you, Mr. President.”

The Chair responded that the request was denied.

Senator Gabbard rose in support of the nominee as follows:

“Mr. President, in words that rang out frequently in these hallowed halls from the nominee in years past when he served as majority leader—‘My remarks will be very brief.’

“Mr. President, your Committee on Energy and Environment has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds him to be exceptionally qualified to be confirmed as Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control. As you can see, we have two Governor’s Messages; G.M. No. 524 will complete the term set to expire on June 30, 2011, and G.M. No. 526 will be the term July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2015. We received testimony overwhelmingly in support of the nominee from a wide range of environmental groups, labor organizations, nonprofits, businesses, and people from all across the state. As a former colleague, Senate majority leader, and member of the Energy and Environment Committee, he has distinguished himself as a champion for environmental protection, working for important legislation related to mandating solar water heaters on new homes, public access to coastal or inland public areas, and reduction in greenhouse emissions. He’s been a principal advocate for the environment which he couples with a sense of balance as it relates to economic concerns.

“Throughout his years in public service, the nominee has proven to be an adaptable and creative problem solver while staying true to his core beliefs. He will bring to the OEQC organizational, communication, and team-building skills to raise the efficiency of the office to a level that will instill greater public confidence in the environmental review process. I commend the nominee for accepting the responsibilities and challenges of the Director of OEQC and for his commitment to those he serves. Colleagues, I ask you to join me in supporting Mr. Gary Hooser as the Director of OEQC. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Kouchi rose in strong support of the nominee as follows:

“I’ve had the opportunity to serve two terms on the Kaua’i County Council with Director Hooser. There were times when he was the one no vote on the 6-1 vote, so he knows what Senator Hee is talking about being the one person voting on the losing side. But he’s never been afraid to be that one vote, and he’s never been afraid to speak his mind and stand his ground on the principles that he believes are true and right. He has been a tireless advocate for the people of Kaua’i and Ni’ihau, not just on the county council, but also serving here in the State of Hawai’i Senate. It’s a privilege and a pleasure to rise to cast a vote in support of Gary to be the next director for OEQC. I believe he’ll do a great job for the people of Hawai’i. The people of Kaua’i and Ni’ihau are sad to lose him, but he’s serving a bigger purpose than just serving the islands of Kaua’i and Ni’ihau. I’d also like add two personal notes. I’d like to thank him for the opportunity he has given me to now serve as the Kaua’i and Ni’ihau Senator and his generosity in the amount of allowance he left in the office when he departed. Thank you.”

Senator English rose on a point of inquiry and said:

“Rule 71, Voting Rights of Members, number one says: ‘No member, on any account, shall refrain from voting unless excused by the President. The member voting “with reservations” shall be counted as a favorable vote. A member may vote “Kānalua” the first time the member’s name is called by the Clerk on any vote, but if the member votes “Kānalua” on the next call of the member’s name, the member’s vote shall be recorded as “Aye.”’ The point is that I’ve heard people talking about possibly voting ‘Kānalua’ today, so our rules say that if you vote ‘Kānalua’ twice, it means ‘yes.’ Thank you, Mr. 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 Gabbard introduced Director Gary Hooser, who was accompanied by his daughter Kelli-Rose.

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 803 (Gov. Msg. No. 523):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 803 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate consent to the nomination of HERMINA MORITA to the Public Utilities Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Senator Taniguchi.

Senator Baker rose in support of the nominee as follows:

“On behalf of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, it’s my pleasure to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Hermina Morita as Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission. Ms. Morita is a proven leader and a recognized authority on energy and regulatory matters. Because of her position as Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection since 1999, she has developed comprehensive knowledge of the issues involved in the state’s energy market and has been a long-time advocate for renewable energy. Mina’s spearheaded innovative efforts to advance the state’s clean energy goals through legislation and by serving as an ex officio member of the Hawai’i Energy Policy Forum.

“Many from industry, environment, and labor, from Kaua’i, and government, including the House Speaker, came to support the nominee. All noted that one of Ms. Morita’s outstanding qualities when making important policy decisions is her fairness and openness in listening to and carefully considering the opinions and perspectives of others, including those with whom she may personally disagree. But more importantly is that Ms. Morita has demonstrated throughout her career her integrity, a willingness and desire to educate herself on new issues, an ability to synthesize technical and detailed information, as well as the desire and the action to seek out opportunities to learn from experts around her. Ms. Morita clearly has the requisite credibility, knowledge, and proactive leadership skills to assist the commission in fulfilling its duties of protecting the public interest while serving as a critical economic driver for the state. It’s also important for me to point out that Ms. Morita will provide a critical neighbor island perspective, which is sorely lacking on the current PUC and has been lacking for many years on previous commissions. This perspective, along with leading the streamlining and updating of the rules and policy framework for the commission, in partnership with the legislature, will help bring the PUC into the 21st century.

“Mr. President, your committee is committed to assisting in this endeavor. Colleagues, I believe that Hermina Morita will prove to be a positive, proactive commissioner, and add value to the deliberations on the many dockets and proceedings at the PUC. I urge your favorable vote on the recommendation to advise and consent on Governor’s Message No. 523. Mahalo.”

Senator Gabbard rose in support of the nominee as follows:

“Colleagues, I’ve had the pleasure of working with and opposite of Ms. Morita during the last two and a half years in her capacity as the chair of the House Energy and Environmental Protection Committee. I found her to be a strong, compassionate and principled person, and I am confident that she will bring those same qualities to the PUC. I

look forward to working with her in her new role, and I ask you to join me in her support. Mahalo.”

Senator English rose in support of the nominee as follows:

“Mr. President, members, you know I’ve worked with Mina for many years on energy policy when I was chair of the Energy Committee, and I can say that we did great things, all of us, together. We managed to turn around Hawai‘i’s energy policy and create the foundation for renewable energies to come into Hawai‘i and be a part of our energy future. Without the visionary leadership of Mina, I don’t think we would have gotten there. So, I ask all of the members here to please support the nomination. I think she’ll be a wonderful Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission. Thank you.”

Senator Kouchi rose in strong support of the nominee as follows:

“Looking up in the gallery, I realized that between Gary and Mina serving on boards and commissions, being a State Representative, a county council member, and a State Senator, Kaua‘i is losing almost 30 years of community experience with their current appointments. Our loss is the State of Hawai‘i’s gain. I recall early on in Mina’s career when she was nominated to the Kaua‘i County Planning Commission, and her nomination was deemed very controversial by some for her environmental views and her perceived no-growth policy. I’d always been a strong supporter of growth, and people assumed I would vote against her nomination. I felt that her job was to be an advocate for the community, to do the best job she could as a commissioner, and to work hard; and I firmly believed that she possessed those qualities and stood in support of her nomination. As we have continued to work together, we have become friends, and colleagues.

“When I was newly appointed to this position to replace Senator Hooser, Mina immediately reached out to me, extended great courtesy, introduced me to members of the North Shore community, which is her representative district, and helped me be a better senator. I am very appreciative for her assistance and her guidance. It is also very interesting that we have come full circle, for today I stand up in support of her because I fully support the agenda that she’s been advocating for years as a representative here and the energy policies that she believes in, and the direction that the State of Hawai‘i needs to go in if we are to survive. And so, it is with great pride and pleasure that I stand in strong support of Representative Morita to be the next Chair of the Public Utilities Commission. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Slom rose in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Let me say as I did say in committee, first of all, I do so very seriously, and people that know my record over the past 15 years know that there are very few nominations that I have challenged. It’s not that I agree with the individual, but I agree with the appointing authority, the Governor, and I agree with the individual to pursue his or her objectives. Why the difference in this nomination? There are several reasons. First of all, we’re talking about an extremely important position. Not just a member of the three-member Public Utilities Commission, but the chairman of this commission; and while I certainly believe in the need for reorganization and transition, the agenda that’s been presented in various hearings and over the years is not one that I sincerely believe is going to be beneficial to the State of Hawai‘i. Now, let me repeat what I did repeat in the committee, and that is that my objections have nothing to do with the nominee’s character, her integrity, or her legislative experience, other than the agenda which she has pursued and has been very successful at. From my standpoint, that agenda has included the elimination of the Superferry in Hawai‘i, the banning of certain goods and services, the

increase—tremendous increase—in taxation for our people, the lack of choices for consumers in this state, the lack of a visionary plan to get us from using fossil fuels into mandating us to use alternatives, with questions in between. I think that in terms of the taxes and the fees, whether we’re talking about the barrel tax or the beverage tax (which started out as supposedly being about recycling and ended up as a major tax and a benefit to the state), additional tax proposals, additional fees that have been suggested to me are policies that I cannot subscribe to.

“The nominee and I had a very interesting discussion; and her point was that we differ philosophically, and that’s true. But I try not to vote for a person because of their philosophy, because of their political party, or even because of their community activism—and as a matter of fact, we had three nominees, two of which were already confirmed today who are noted for their community activism. But in this situation, I’ve been concerned about the closeness of the nominee to selected regulated industries. Also to the fact that, in questioning, she has no support for free-market competitive economy, believes in more government, believes in more regulation rather than less regulation. I found the question and answer on the undersea cable project to be murky at best; and while I realize that I’m certainly in a minority and will be probably the only vote in this issue today, it’s interesting how my colleagues will praise people of their own opinion and own party for being a single vote. But I feel that it would be hypocritical of me not to stand up and say this after all of the issues that I’ve fought against and stood alone against in this body over the years, issues which I believe are not beneficial to the State of Hawai‘i, to our future or to our people, issues which have not created more jobs, more investment opportunities, or more of a respect for our state. Instead, people look at Hawai‘i as being the social laboratory to try out anything without thinking about what the consequences will be.

“I have nothing but positive belief in the nominee in terms of how she will work hard and how she will try to make changes. It’s just that darned agenda and just that history of actual votes that leaves me in this position of voting ‘no’. But there’s no animosity; it’s nothing personal and it’s nothing partisan. And so, I will wish her well, but I will still cast a ‘no’ vote. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Galuteria rose to speak in strong support of the nominee as follows:

“I’d like to bring to the attention of the previous speaker that our nominee has been receiving testimony from not only the Mayor of Kaua‘i or the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, but also the Hawai‘i Business League, the World Business Academy, many other businesses, Grove Farm, Hawai‘i Energy Policy—the list goes on and on and on. So, for it to be so one-sided in perhaps an anti-business climate, I think not. So with that, colleagues, I would encourage you all to vote for our nominee. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Slom).

At this time, Senator Baker introduced Chair Morita, who was accompanied by her two daughters Mindy Laney and Misha Taylor; son-in-law Ben Taylor; granddaughters Kaula Taylor, Lili Taylor, and Halia Tinder; and sisters Phyllis McFadden, Alberta de Jetley, and Suki Nako. Senator Baker also noted that it was Lili’s fourth birthday and wished her hau‘oli lā hānau.

At 12:47 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

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

“Colleagues, as you know, today also marks the beginning of our 8th Annual Education Week. In addition to the traditional floor presentations that will be happening throughout the week, we’ve kick things up a notch and will be having demonstrations, displays, presentations, student hearings, and legislative shadow programs. You’ll find on all of your desks your special edition, color copy of our Education Week program. I have been reminded that in the spirit of going paperless that this is the only copy you will be receiving. And for those of you who have been feeling a little bit matrix-deprived, I have also provided you with a very Sakamoto-esque breakdown of the entire week as well.

“Today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., we had Kapi‘olani Community College, Hawai‘i Community College, Maui Community College, Windward Community College, UH West O‘ahu, UH Hilo, and UH Mānoa here cooking, displaying, presenting, and more. At 2:15 p.m. today, the Governor will be signing into law S.B. No. 8; and to help us capture the moment, we will also be having students from Waipahu High School’s ‘Ōlelo program filming the signing ceremony. Tomorrow is another full day starting at 7:45 a.m. with an Early Learning Council breakfast and presentation; demonstrations and displays from Honolulu Community College, UH Hilo, Kaua‘i Community College, Leeward Community College, Kapi‘olani Community College, Windward Community College, and UH Mānoa from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; a presentation by Hiki Nō, the nation’s first statewide student run television network, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and robotics demonstrations in the rotunda from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with teams from McKinley, Farrington, Kalani, Castle, ‘Iolani, and Kaneohe Elementary School.

“I just wanted to give a big mahalo to Hawaiian Airlines and HSTA for their continued support in bringing in our neighbor island honorees, and I would also like to thank my hardworking team, especially Erin Conner, for putting all of this together. I could not have done it without them. So, thank you, colleagues, and let’s have a great Education Week. Thank you.”

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

“Members, this Thursday and Friday, we were issued a tsunami warning, and I really want to take a moment to commend our civil defense and all the workers that went out and made sure that people were evacuated. My village of Hāmoa in Hāna was completely devastated and wiped out by the April 1, 1946 tsunami. In fact, my family home which is on the ocean side ended up in what’s now my front yard on the other side of the street. So, we take it very, very seriously. And the work of the civil defense people and others was extraordinary considering that the warning was issued at 8:30 at night and by about 11:30 my village was evacuated, and people without cars and others were helped and got to safety. So, you know, we dodged a great bullet this last weekend. You look at the devastation in Japan; that could have been us. So, kudos to the civil defense people, and remember that they’re coming up in the budget as well. Thank you.”

Senator Galuteria rose to wish Senator Hee a happy birthday.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

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

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

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

H.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
H.B. No. 324, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 526, H.D. 1	Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 618, H.D. 1	Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1134, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1524, H.D. 2	Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 p.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011.