

ELEVENTH DAY

Friday, February 3, 2012

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2012, convened at 11:32 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 Journal of the Tenth Day.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Chun Oakland, for the majority of the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2014) recommending that S.B. No. 2808 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2808, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Hee, for the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2015) recommending that S.B. No. 2205 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2205, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES PRESENTED BY THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO FILL STATE COURT JUDICIAL VACANCIES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Senator Hee, for the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2016) recommending that S.B. No. 2206 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2206, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Monday, February 6, 2012.

ORDER OF THE DAY

FINAL READING

H.B. No. 608, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 2:

Senator Green moved that H.B. No. 608, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Espero.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to mark Senator Wakai as excused from voting on this measure due to a conflict of interest that was previously disclosed.

Senator Green rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

"Thank you, members, for helping to expedite this important measure to take care of the people who need organ transplants and kidney treatment in the State of Hawai'i. I'd also like to make a clarification once again that this measure is meant to provide resources going forward for services that Queen's will begin to set up and establishing the infrastructure, to make sure that they have an intact program going forward here in the State of Hawai'i. Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Kahele rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

"By passing this legislation, it will be the first bill that Governor Abercrombie signs into law for 2012...and appropriately so. With over 156,000 residents in our state with kidney disease, 400 of which are on the kidney transplant waitlist, and another 3,000 patients receiving lifetime dialysis. It is very clear that there is an imminent need to ensure that the healthcare infrastructure is intact for these patients to receive treatment, life-saving surgery, and a provision of services aimed at slowing down the progression of this debilitating disease.

"It was alarming to experience the closing of Hawai'i Medical Center several weeks ago of which the Transplant Institute of the Pacific was a victim. The closure of the transplant program left many of our patients and their families with extreme anxiety. We have heard their pleas for help and assistance and today...we are responding!

"I wish Queen's and the National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i the very best as they move to continue the mission started by Saint Marianne Cope and the Sisters of St. Francis. I also wish to extend my gratitude to my colleagues here in the Senate and in the House, as well as Governor Abercrombie, for their quick response and action to address this major health crisis."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 608, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2691:

On motion by Senator Nishihara, seconded by Senator Kahele and carried, S.B. No. 2691, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"Re-referrals are made in accordance with the re-referrals listed on the Order of the Day and the Supplemental Order of the Day that may be distributed to your offices later this afternoon."

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 2123	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

- S.B. No. 2915 Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.B. No. 3067 Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 6, 2012.