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In accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, was called to order at 10:04 a.m., by the Honorable Gilbert Kahele, Temporary Chair of the Senate.

At this time, the members of the Senate and guests rose for the Hawaiian blessing, delivered by Mr. Danny Kaleikini, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and "Hawaii Pono'i".

Nominations now being in order for a temporary clerk, Senator English nominated Carol Taniguchi, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro.

Senator Riviere moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

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

Senator Tokuda 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 Inouye and carried.

The Chair thereupon appointed Senators Ihara, Kouchi, and Slom to serve on such committee.

The Chair then proceeded to introduce the following distinguished guests to the members of the Senate:

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii, and Mrs. Dawn Amano-Ige;

The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, former Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable George R. Ariyoshi, former Governor of the State of Hawaii, and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi;

The Honorable Benjamin Cayetano, former Governor of the State of Hawaii, and Mrs. Vicky Cayetano;

The Honorable John D. Waihe'e III, former Governor of the State of Hawaii, and Mrs. Lynne Waihe'e;

The Honorable Billy Kenoi, Mayor of the County of Hawaii;

The Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui;

Major General Michael Compton, Pacific Air Forces;

Captain Charles Acock, United States Coast Guard;

Mr. Damien Donovan, Consul Strategic Policy, Consulate General of Australia;

The Honorable Gina Jamoralin, Consul General of the Philippines;

The Honorable Walter Paik, Consul General of the Republic of Korea;

The Honorable Toyoei Shigeeda, Consul General of Japan;

Mr. V.C. Chu, Director General, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office;

Mr. Kunio Kaji, Chairman of the Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly, and Mrs. Kaji;

Mr. Iwami Haratake, Assemblyman, Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly;

Mr. Kunihiro Yoshitake, Assemblyman, Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly; and

Mr. Ko Isayama, Liaison for the Fukuoka Prefecture.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

"Honorable Gilbert Kahele
 Temporary Chair of the Senate
 Twenty-eighth State Legislature
 Regular Session of 2015
 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has examined the Certificates of Election of the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, and finds that the following persons have been legally elected and are fully qualified to sit as members of the Senate.

The newly elected Senator whose term of office will expire on November 8, 2016, is:

Fifth Senatorial District

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

The newly elected Senators whose respective terms of office will expire on November 6, 2018, are:

First Senatorial District

Gilbert Kahele

Third Senatorial District

Josh Green

Fourth Senatorial District

Lorraine R. Inouye

Sixth Senatorial District

Rosalyn H. Baker

Seventh Senatorial District

J. Kalani English

Twelfth Senatorial District

Brickwood Galuteria

Sixteenth Senatorial District

Breene Harimoto

Seventeenth Senatorial District

Clarence K. Nishihara

Eighteenth Senatorial District

Michelle N. Kidani

Twenty-First Senatorial District

Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

Twenty-Third Senatorial District

Gil Riviere

Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District

Jill N. Tokuda

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Les Ihara, Jr.

/s/Ronald D. Kouchi

/s/Sam Slom"

On motion by Senator Ihara, seconded by Senator Harimoto and carried, Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1 was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials was thereupon discharged with thanks.

The Chair then called upon Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald of the Supreme Court, State of Hawai'i, 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 Green placed in nomination the name of Senator Donna Mercado Kim for President of the Senate, seconded by Senator Tokuda.

Senator Thielen moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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 Donna Mercado Kim as President of the Senate.

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Donna Mercado Kim was declared elected President of the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2015.

The Chair then appointed Senators Espero and Keith-Agaran to escort the President to the rostrum, and the President addressed the members of the Senate and guests as follows:

"Aloha and welcome to the opening of the 28th Legislature! Thank you all for joining us.

"Wow. Only in Hawai'i can you experience a legislative opening with so many flowers of aloha. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank our families, our friends, and our well-wishers for these beautiful expressions.

"These flowers bring to mind this song, made popular by the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary."

At this time, a video presentation of "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" was shown to the members of the Senate and guests.

The President continued:

"While this recording dates back more than 50 years, the power of its message has not diminished with time. These lyrics got me thinking ...

"And asking: Where have all our beaches gone? Where has all the Hawaiian entertainment in Waikiki gone? Where are the koa and 'ohi'a lehua trees? The fish and 'opihi? And when will we ever learn that once it's lost, we may not be able to get it back?

"From 1935 through 1975, the world tuned in to their radios to hear the voice of Webley Edwards. Each week, on his *Hawaii Calls* broadcast, he invited the world to experience our Hawaiian Islands, our culture, our music. The show at its peak was heard on over 750 stations around the globe.

"Fortunately, most of the *Hawaii Calls* programs are not lost. In fact, we will soon be realizing our goal of capturing and preserving our cultural past. Two years ago, Senator Brickwood Galuteria and I proposed establishing a Center for Hawaiian Music and Dance. The Legislature appropriated funds to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the groundwork has been laid.

"Tourism Chair Gilbert Kahele and I are happy to report that we are on track to construct this facility atop the Hawai'i Convention Center. It will house, preserve, and maintain our Hawaiian music of yesterday and today, and capture the stories of our talented musicians and kumu hula before their work is lost. We are doing this for the future generations so that they, too, will have a lasting appreciation and understanding of our enriching heritage.

"With the help of the Hawai'i Tourism Board Chair Aaron Salā, our program later this morning will highlight a part of this past.

"When *Hawaii Calls* opened each week with the sounds of the gentle surf on the beach at Waikiki, no one ever thought we'd be asking, 'Where have all the sand on our beaches and our native Hawaiian forests gone, and what are we doing about it?'

"Sadly, we are witnessing a significant depletion of sand on our famous beaches. Two years ago, the Department of Land and Natural Resources added 24,000 cubic yards of sand to Waikiki Beach at a cost of \$2 million. But a UH study found that one-fourth of the sand was gone a year later.

"Can you imagine how economically and environmentally devastating it will be if we cannot find an effective solution to address this problem? Which is why Energy and Environment Chair Mike Gabbard and I are proposing dedicated funding using existing TAT revenues for the maintenance and restoration of beaches across the state. This bill would make available a steady source of funds to implement

recommendations from a joint DLNR/county study and stay vigilant in preserving our marine environment.

“But just as devastating is invasive species – one of the greatest threats to our agriculture, our environment, and our health and lifestyle. We simply cannot afford to let up on our efforts to aggressively find and eradicate these pests.

“In this vein, I am excited that in September of 2016, the World Conservation Congress will convene for the first time in 60 years in the United States, and they have chosen Hawai‘i as the host for the 17th Congress. Held every four years, this is the world’s largest and most important conservation event. It aims to improve how we manage our natural environment.

“This event will give us an opportunity to showcase to the 160 member countries and 8,000 delegates from around the world Hawai‘i’s diversity in nature, culture, conservation, and sustainability. A huge mahalo has to go out to Chipper Wichman of the Federal National Botanical Gardens on Kaua‘i for working tirelessly on this bid for the past 10 years, as well as the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which is the lead state agency.

“I pose another ‘where have they gone’ question, and that is ‘Where have all the voters gone?’ In the last election, Hawai‘i experienced a record low voter turnout.

“While this body certainly supported initiatives to encourage greater participation, we must do better to remove all the barriers and excuses. All-mail elections should accomplish that. Both Oregon and Washington have implemented vote-by-mail elections, resulting in high voter participation rates of 70 to 80 percent. I look to our new Judiciary Chair Gil Keith-Agaran to move us toward all-mail ballots to be phased in over the 2016 and 2018 elections.

“But, colleagues, all-mail elections are just the means; people must want to exercise their fundamental right to vote. So we as legislators must do our part by restoring the public’s trust in government by giving them reasons to register and vote.

“As Senate President, I pledge to continue to bring transparency and accountability to the legislative process. Government officials should be held accountable for broken promises, for miscalculations and bloated assumptions. Therefore, I propose we establish an Office of the Inspector General that would investigate complaints alleging fraud, waste, abuse, or corruption, and I have asked Government Operations Chair Donovan Dela Cruz to help shepherd this legislation.

“I also propose that we expand mandatory ethics training to all lobbyists; members of all board and commissions; and employees responsible for procurement, for administering state contracts, or regulating private organizations.

“From a financial standpoint, we have good reason to be hopeful. The backbone of our economy has been our visitor industry and our very hard-working small businesses. And despite a recent report from the Council on Revenues and other forecasts indicating that our economy may be slowing, our year-to-date tax collections are up. Tourism is experiencing consecutive months of double-digit growth in arrivals and spending, prompting the Council on Revenues to increase its forecast by 1 percent, which translates to \$55 million a year.

“But, colleagues, the state and the counties continue to face many fiscal challenges. As a former city councilmember – and I make note that there are five of us here in the Senate – we must work collaboratively with all the counties in addressing homelessness, providing affordable housing, and streamlining the land use process.

“With Economic Development and Technology Chair Glenn Wakai, we believe it’s time to consider giving the counties

more local control over land use classifications by eliminating the Land Use Commission and overlapping operations to make the permitting process more efficient.

“But with more control comes greater accountability, and in that regard, the counties are urged to step up the enforcement of transient vacation rental ordinances. The state and counties are losing millions of dollars in TAT and GET revenues, money which we cannot afford to ignore.

“So I am looking to Ways and Means Chair Jill Tokuda to begin the discussion of whether the counties should be granted the option of enacting a half-percent tax, provided that it is earmarked specifically for housing, transportation, road improvements, and transient vacation rentals enforcement.

“Hearings on this measure will allow the Transportation Committee, chaired by Clarence Nishihara, to scrutinize the rail financial plan and obtain a full accounting for the half-percent tax surcharge the city has received thus far.

“Certainly, the issues facing us are daunting, so senators led by Majority Leader Kalani English have spent the last few months formulating the Senate’s Majority Legislative Program. Our focus is on energy and food resiliency, government effectiveness, and community well-being and smart growth.

“This brings me to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. HHSC is facing a \$50 million shortfall for the next fiscal year and about a billion dollars or more in capital improvements in the next decade. While we are on the verge of a public-private partnership for Maui, I call upon Health Chair Josh Green and Commerce and Consumer Protection Chair Roz Baker to finally resolve the HHSC issue.

“Human Services Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland has the challenging task of addressing our homeless population and the shortage of affordable housing, along with helping our family caregivers as they care for our kūpuna. It will take all of us pulling together – the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, the counties, and the private sector – to come up with viable solutions.

“Senators, throughout all our history, education has been the pathway to socioeconomic success for generations of island people. With the adoption of Acts 51 and 130, our students have since experienced unprecedented growth in our national assessment test scores in math and reading.

“Did you know that more students are graduating from high school, more are enrolling in college, and fewer need remedial support? U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recently visited Hawai‘i, something that has not happened in over 20 years. He spoke about Hawai‘i’s performance, saying, ‘The progress has been extraordinary. Hawai‘i, by any objective measure, is one of the fastest improving states in the nation, top five states.’

“But there is more work to be done. With Education Chair Michelle Kidani, we have every reason to expect more improvements in our public education system, especially given our new governor’s commitment and insight.

“In the same light, higher education is vital in helping diversify our economy with jobs that pay a living wage for our workers. Public education is driven by the University of Hawai‘i System. The three baccalaureate campuses and seven community colleges ensure that our people have the education they need to be ready to compete and be successful in this workforce.

“Note, too, that education has grown into an industry in itself. For instance, UH has brought in \$400 million in research dollars in FY 2014 and is currently 12 to 15 percent ahead of the pace for this year.

"Not enough is said about the vital role of our community colleges in providing an affordable and flexible education. Their graduation rates have doubled and students who go on to receive degrees in STEM have increased 15-fold. Students are better prepared to move on to higher degrees or succeed in the workforce.

"Many are finding success in Hawai'i's fashion industry, which is generating more than \$750 million in annual sales, \$20 million in tax revenues, and 3,600 jobs, with huge potential growth.

"Kini Zamora of Kapolei and Wai'anae's Ari South are shining examples of the university's role in career development. Kini was one of the top three finalists in season 13 of the popular – and my favorite – *Project Runway* TV series, and Ari also finished in the top three in season 8.

"Even after attending the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, Kini said that they were teaching the same things he learned at HCC. I'm sorry that Kini and Ari could not be with us today, although they wanted to be.

"But with Kini and Ari joining the ranks of our 'Made In Hawai'i' businesses like Tori Richards, 'Iolani Sportswear, Mamo Howell, and others, Hawai'i can surely compete as a fashion powerhouse and attract international students to our fashion program.

"The culinary arts program at the various community college campuses is another example of education as an industry. The advanced training being developed by the Culinary Institute of the Pacific will train students to excel in the culinary arts and restaurant management, as well as attract students from Asia, Europe, Canada, and the mainland who want to come here to learn about our regional cuisine.

"It is a shame, though, that this project has lagged. So Higher Education Chair Brian Taniguchi and I will work to ensure that construction begins soon on the first phase of this long-awaited facility at KCC on the slopes of Diamond Head. With renowned local chefs like Roy Yamaguchi – Roy, please stand – and Alan Wong, Russell Siu, Sam Choy, and others, this has got to be a priority.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Senate is a body of highly capable and dedicated individuals, and I am humbled to serve as President. I thank you, members, for this privilege.

"While we represent different constituencies, we share a commitment and responsibility to do the people's business, always mindful that the voters have entrusted us with their future.

"The Senate stands ready and committed to collaborate with Speaker Souki and the members of the House of Representatives, with our lone Republican Sam Slom, with our mayors and county officials.

"We are eager to work with our former Senate colleagues, the new governor, David Ige, Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui, and an Ige administration that is committed to putting people back to work. There is no one who better understands the state's challenges of balancing the needs of our citizens with our limited state resources than the former chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Governor Ige. Governor, I'm confident that together, we will listen and work in the best interests of the people we represent.

"While I began today concerned about what Hawai'i has lost over time, I am nevertheless very optimistic about our future, a future that includes the aerospace industry and space tourism, championed by Senator Will Espero, which is projected to be a million-dollar industry in Hawai'i one day.

"Hawai'i has an incredible history of achievement. We are the beneficiaries of the hard work, sacrifices, and spirit of hope of our parents and those who came before us. There is absolutely no reason why, together, we cannot continue to build on the legacy we've inherited.

"Hawai'i's own Marcus Mariota said it best at a news conference after he accepted the prestigious Heisman Trophy. Marcus told reporters, 'In Hawai'i, when one person is successful, the whole state is successful.' Mahalo, Marcus, for the success you have brought to our great state. We join you in thanking all the people who nurtured, mentored, and sacrificed to help you be successful, and in the process, lift us all. Marcus joins other keiki o ka 'āina like President Obama, Grammy Award-winner Bruno Mars, Maui's Shane Victorino, and a host of island people who are just as accomplished and successful in their own fields and in their own lives.

"I'd like to close by acknowledging the sacrifices of my mother, and in particular, my son Micah, who has been my inspiration. Yes, our children are the reasons for us to put aside partisan politics and individual differences.

"Let us dedicate ourselves to preserving what we treasure and what makes Hawai'i special. There is much we can do because all is not lost yet.

"Colleagues, we have been given much, and as it is often quoted: 'To whom much is given, much is expected.' The expectation is for us to work together to make Hawai'i a place we can be proud to leave our children. Mahalo nui loa."

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

Senator Slom rose to present the following remarks:

"Senate President Kim, Governor Ige, our military, distinguished guests, and our overburdened Hawai'i taxpayers, on behalf of the entire Senate Minority: Aloha!

"You know, Madam President, following up on your theme, where have all the Republicans gone? First, let me reassure you, those of you who have been worried over the past several weeks, that I remain a Republican – I'm not switching parties – and I pledge to continue to represent the loyal, but responsible, opposition to harmful legislation while advocating reasonable alternative legislation to solve problems and ease the economic burdens on our citizens.

"It has become increasingly difficult to stand up and speak out against the status quo and to call for change in Hawai'i. Yet it must be done. There are some who would silence any dissent in our state. Sometimes there are severe political, social, economic, and media consequences for speaking out. Ask former UH Chancellor Tom Apple. Or me.

"With a new year, though, we remain hopeful with a new administration that we may actually get some positive change.

"We now have a governor who was once one of us in the Senate, whom I respect, with an engineering and not a community organizing background. As the governor has said, government can't do it alone; people must get involved and do some of the 'heavy lifting' to solve the problems that have remained with us for many years.

"Our job, as the Senate President indicated, is to restore and encourage the public's confidence in our process and to be more transparent and accountable ourselves while empowering our citizens. We have to do more than just talk and make speeches; we need appropriate action. The good news is, we can do this.

"The public feels disconnected because we haven't done a good enough job to date. There haven't been consequences for bad government behavior. We have been lax in the oversight of

billions of taxpayer dollars. I like the President's proposal for the inspector general to look at these things.

"Your Senate Minority offers a thoughtful, effective five-point Action Agenda for 2015:

- 1) Economic diversification and budget reduction.
- 2) Meaningful, outcome-based education.
- 3) Health connector, Obamacare, and HHSC alternatives.
- 4) Changes to the Public Utilities Commission and analysis of the proposed HECO merger.
- 5) Reduction in the terrible cost of living for our beleaguered residents, middle class and poor.

"Your Senate Minority continues to caution that Hawai'i's economy, overall, has not turned any corner and that many more of our citizens and small businesses are still struggling needlessly.

"Every national organization rates Hawai'i worst in economic opportunity. We are now concerned that more than 20,000 of our active duty Army and 30,000 dependents may leave Hawai'i, causing more than \$1 billion in economic loss. Our military is far more than dollars alone; they contribute to all of our society. This decision will be made outside of our state. But in Hawai'i, we can improve our business climate and diversify by listening to those who have the proven ability to create jobs.

"Our \$25 billion operating budget is bloated and must be trimmed as we propose. So, too, our \$20 billion unfunded liability. This, too, can be done. **We must promise no new taxes!** We can't throw good money after bad for the black hole that is the flawed O'ahu transit fixed rail system. It is all about development and not about transportation or relieving congestion. It is \$900 million over budget currently. No extension of the General Excise Tax should be permitted by this legislature. Not one more penny to those who purposefully have misled the taxpayers of this state. Otherwise, elected officials are like enablers who assist drug addicts to become more destructive.

"Stop this project now and provide real transportation alternatives like 'HOT lanes,' already advanced."

At 10:52 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

Senator Slom continued his remarks as follows:

"Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, colleagues.

"Our educational system in Hawai'i has shortchanged the students and parents who pay for that education. We need a comprehensive financial and managerial audit of the DOE and my alma mater, the University of Hawai'i. UH has said it's proud 'to have 52 percent of the students able to graduate in six years.' That's not good enough. We can do better.

"The Legislature must say **no** to continued shortfalls in DOE programs, the annual UH athletics deficits, and the spendthrift UH Cancer Center, and **yes** to more classroom teachers. Tuition must reflect actual costs, not larger salaries for coaches and VIPs.

"The PUC has been without effective leadership for the past several years. Too many dockets still remain open. We have worked with the new chair, Randy Iwase, in the past, and we will support a changing mission for the PUC and an objective analysis of the planned \$4 billion HECO merger. My staff member Kathryn Higa has experienced mergers and

acquisitions before, and she has already been on this task since December.

"The Hawai'i Health Connector has sped through millions of taxpayer dollars without noticeable results or honesty in presentations. The data it provides to the Legislature does not match up with federal data. It should receive no more taxpayer funds.

"The Medicaid computer failure may cost taxpayers up to \$100 million more. The Legislature has to monitor outside contracts when agencies don't, as the Senate President has done.

"We should continue to practice compassion, but not ignorance, in helping people truly in need while separating those who prey on others and game the system.

"We have to increase our residents' standard of living by reducing their burdensome costs. We can do this by food and medical GET tax relief and by advancing federal affordable cargo shipping reform of the Jones Act. The Senate Minority has been cooperating with like-minded lawmakers in Alaska, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

"We have many other positive legislative changes. Come see us and make sure that our bills are heard.

"On behalf of the Senate Minority, I pledge our continued efforts to support good legislation regardless of who introduces it, to examine and report honestly on the impact of all bills, and to work toward ending legislative exemptions for ourselves for laws we pass on to others.

"We celebrate our God-given liberty and our ability to change. Our goal should be not a 'New Day,' but a 'Better Day.' This is not a partisan issue. Together, we must navigate a different course with a vision of how much greater Hawai'i can be.

"Finally, this is the Year of the Sheep. My hope and advice is that the taxpayers and voters of Hawai'i will stop acting like sheep and be more independent and hold all of us to a higher standard.

"So on behalf of the Senate Minority, God bless our Armed Forces men and women and the United States of America. Aloha."

At 10:57 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 a video presentation by Aaron J. Salā. Mr. Danny Kaleikini also introduced musical performances by Keauhou and Robert Cazimero, and hula performances by Hālau Ka Liko Pua O Kalaniākea.

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 Ruderman placed in nomination the name of Senator Will Espero for Vice President of the Senate, seconded by Senator Chun Oakland.

Senator Taniguchi moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

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

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Will Espero was declared elected Vice President of the Senate of the Twenty-

Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2015.

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-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE."

Offered by: Senators English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz 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 Jennifer T. Chow, Sergeant-at-Arms Bienvenido C. Villaflor, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Daniel U.I. Holt.

The President then stated:

"Last year, in conjunction with our 55 years of Statehood anniversary, a very special lapel pin was designed and presented to current and past senators. This pin is a symbol of your service in the Senate and to the people of the State of Hawai'i. Under Senate Rule 91, the Senate pin shall only be worn by current or past members."

The President then directed Senators Chun Oakland, Galuteria, and Thielen to present the Senate lapel pins to Senators Harimoto, Inouye, and Riviere.

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 a video presentation by Aaron J. Salā. Mr. Danny Kaleikini also introduced musical performances by Keauhou, Marlene Sai, and Nā Leo, and hula performances by Debbie Nakanelua-Richards and Hālau Ka Liko Pua O Kalaniākea.

The Senate reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 2 and 3) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 2 "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE."

Offered by: Senators English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Nishihara, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, S.R. No. 2 was adopted.

S.R. No. 3 "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MANUAL OF THE SENATE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE."

Offered by: Senators English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Galuteria, seconded by Senator Kouchi and carried, S.R. No. 3 was adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent 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 English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Keith-Agaran, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried, S.C.R. No. 1 was adopted.

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

Majority Leader:

Senator J. Kalani English

Majority Floor Leader:

Senator Josh Green

Majority Policy Leader:

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.

Majority Caucus Leader:

Senator Gilbert Kahele

Majority Whip:

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

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 Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi

Senator Laura H. Thielen

Senator Glenn Wakai

Senator Sam Slom

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senator Gilbert Kahele

Senator Michelle N. Kidani

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Senator Glenn Wakai

Senator Sam Slom

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair

Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Senator Will Espero

Senator Breene Harimoto

EDUCATION

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara

Senator Laura H. Thielen

Senator Sam Slom

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Senator Brickwood Galuteria
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
 Senator Sam Slom

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
 Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
 Senator Jill N. Tokuda
 Senator Sam Slom

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
 Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
 Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
 Senator Gilbert Kahele
 Senator Sam Slom

HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair
 Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
 Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
 Senator Mike Gabbard
 Senator Gil Riviere
 Senator Russell E. Ruderman
 Senator Sam Slom

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ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2015.