

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Friday, March 20, 2015

The Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2015, convened at 11:34 a.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators English, Ihara, Kahele, and Kim who were excused.

The Vice President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-First Day.

Senator Kidani introduced the following guests from the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network who had participated in Education Week activities that morning: Buffy Cushman-Patz, The School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability (SEEQS); Alapaki Nahale-a, Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School; Shannon Cleary, Hawaii Technology Academy; Jennifer Hiro, Innovations Public Charter School; Usha Kotner, Kona Pacific Public Charter School; Ed Noh, Lanikai Elementary Public Charter School; Denise Espania, Mālama Honua Public Charter School; Curtis Muraoka and Heather Nakakura, West Hawai'i Explorations Academy Public Charter School; Richard Hogeboom, Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School; and Pat Brandt, Hālau Kū Māna. The charter school representatives were accompanied in the gallery by Lynn Finnegan, executive director of Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network; Erin Kealoha Fale, director of communications and fund development for Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network; and Amy Kuntz, senior assistant superintendent at the Department of Education.

Senator Wakai recognized Duwayne Abe, 2014 National Distinguished Principal of the Year, and presented the following remarks:

"Thank you, Senator Kidani. Mr. Duwayne Abe is a 20-year veteran with the Hawai'i State Department of Education. After two decades of inspiring young minds, he was recognized with the 2014 National Distinguished Principal Award.

"Mr. Abe started as a vice principal at Salt Lake Elementary in 1998, then became the school's top dog in 2002. Over the last 13 years, he has encouraged students to understand their strengths and personal desires, and guided them to reaching their maximum potential. The 800 students on his campus come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and for many, English is a second language. Those children benefit from individual and small-group tutoring, and a vibrant arts education program at Salt Lake.

"Mr. Abe is an advocate for professional development for his teachers; instructors are encouraged to participate in summer institutes, learning labs, consults, and visits, and are offered curriculum coaches. That has resulted in Salt Lake Elementary having five National Board Certified teachers.

"Mr. Abe is also prolific at integrating parental input into his decision-making on campus. Parents are encouraged to be contributors to learning, and they, in turn, support his leadership.

"Beyond campus, Mr. Abe has forged a vibrant relationship with his neighbors and the Salt Lake community. He has turned a struggling school into a thriving learning environment. He is very deserving of this national recognition. Congratulations, Mr. Abe.

"I wanted to say that Mr. Abe is joined by his fan club, which includes his wife, Georgia Abe, and their daughter,

Jenna. I believe they're right there in the audience. Thank you, Mr. Abe, for all you do for our students."

Senator Nishihara congratulated Keith Hayashi, 2015 High School Principal of the Year, and presented the following remarks:

"Thank you, Senate President and colleagues, as a former school administrator, I'm keenly aware of the critical importance of visionary leadership among the corps of principals on our campuses. There's none finer than the gentleman who joins us on the floor today: Keith Hayashi.

"During Keith's time at Waipahu High School, student achievement, average daily attendance, and on-time graduation have all improved, as have reading and math proficiency. Fewer students have been receiving suspensions and fewer students have been subject to ninth-grade retention.

"In 2013, Keith was selected to receive the prestigious Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership award that includes a cash grant of \$25,000. Keith quickly and enthusiastically reinvested the award in Waipahu High School's innovative educational initiatives.

"Today, we recognize Keith for having been selected the 2015 Principal of the Year by the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Administrators. The association selects principals for this honor who encourage collaborative leadership; partnerships among teachers, their students, and their families; and who do everything they can to help students be successful. Waipahu High School's Keith Hayashi does all that and more, and for this reason, we honor him today.

"In the gallery are his family members: Donna Hayashi; Kami Hayashi, his daughter; Shigeto Honda, his father-in-law; and Laura Honda, his mother-in-law. Thank you."

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Senator Nishihara. Mr. President and colleagues, if I may intercede before Senator Dela Cruz introduces our next honoree, I would like to say that Waipahu High School serves many families who I represent in our surrounding communities, and so I feel a very great affinity for the campus. As a legacy high school in our public education system, Waipahu High just marked its seventy-fifth anniversary; and as the second-largest high school in the state, the roots of its diverse student body span Hawai'i's historical shift away from the plantation economy to more modern pursuits.

"Waipahu's small learning communities nurture student excellence, and there are this year more than 300 students enrolled in college credit courses, an initiative that sharpens the focus on post-secondary education and careers for as many graduates as possible. That kind of shift can be attributed in large to the leadership of the school's current principal since 2009, Principal Keith Hayashi. Governor Ige has been so impressed with him that he gave Principal Hayashi a shout-out during his State of the State Address, calling him a model for public education leadership.

"We are grateful to Keith for his energy and creativity and his tireless work on behalf of our young people. Thank you very much for your leadership, Keith; I really, really appreciate you. To continue, let me at this point turn the floor over to our good senator from Mililani Mauka and Wahiawā, Senator Dela Cruz."

Senator Dela Cruz commended Elynne Chung, 2015 Middle School Principal of the Year, and presented the following remarks:

"Thank you. Today we recognize Elynne Chung, principal of Mililani Middle School, on being named the 2015 State of Hawai'i Middle School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

"The NASSP, an organization of 27,000 members of middle and high school principals from the United States and 35 countries, annually recognizes principals from across the country for their leadership and making positive, significant differences in their schools and communities.

"Just as great coaches are known for their ability to get the best from every player of their team and their relentless pursuit of excellence, which is what propels good teams to become great, great principals amplify teaching by developing great teachers, managing talent, and creating a great place to work. Elynne Chung, recognizing the need to develop teacher leaders as a prelude to increasing proficiency, has made that a priority, which resulted in improved communication, better data analysis, and consistency in the teaching curriculum, thereby transforming Mililani Middle School from a good school to a highly effective school. Under Elynne's tenure, Mililani Middle School, the largest middle school in the state and one of four year-round multi-track schools, has improved proficiency in all groups to a proficiency percentage in reading and math that are consistently above state percentage levels. Laudatory remarks from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges on Mililani Middle School state that, quote, 'The school's focus on students, its rigorous curricular programs, excellent co-curricular programs, and the quality of leadership have culminated in an impressive continuous focus for student achievement.'

"Today we have with us in the gallery Elynne's father, Robert Iwamoto; son Reid Chung; and daughters Allison Maertens and Kristen Chung. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Elynne Chung for continued excellence and success in all endeavors. Congratulations.

"If I may be permitted a late introduction, I'd just like to introduce my much-younger sister from the Department of Education, Donalyn Dela Cruz. I call on my colleague, Senator Kidani, whose constituents also serve Mililani Middle School."

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Senator Dela Cruz, and after this session, she does look much younger than you.

"Colleagues, I know that you are all tired of hearing Senator Dela Cruz and me brag about Mililani, but Mr. President and colleagues, if I may: I need to point out that Mililani Middle is another Mililani school, and it is fed by five elementary schools. I would be remiss if I did not note that Principal Chung has been extremely helpful and generous with her time in helping us work through scenarios by which we propose in this legislature to eliminate the so-called multi-track school calendar in her school and three others on O'ahu. Principal Chung has seen what works and what doesn't work under the multi-track scheme, and her wisdom and good counsel are helping us give form to the transition back to a traditional school calendar.

"I have come to appreciate and admire Principal Chung very much as an educator and as a member of our Mililani community. She has brought issues to me that impact her school, her teachers, her students, and her community. She also helps to participate in the resolution process and not expect us to go it alone. Principal Chung, for that, I thank you very much."

Senator Tokuda honored Jacque Shaner, 2015 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year, and presented the following remarks:

"Thank you. Mr. President, colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce an individual I see every morning while I'm walking our oldest son, Matt, to class at my alma mater, Kāne'ohe Elementary School. Jacque Shaner received her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and she is this year's 2014 Hawai'i Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year. Let's give her a hand.

"Jacque has worked in the State of Hawai'i Department of Education for over 15 years, currently as the vice principal at our Kāne'ohe Elementary School and previously as vice principal at Mokapu Elementary and Kalaheo High Schools. She has also taught chemistry at Kalaheo High School.

"Jacque is known as a mentoring genius for struggling teachers. She has said her mission is to remove barriers, no matter how big or small, so that children can learn. She also conducts training sessions and guides teachers at Kāne'ohe Elementary School to help them better understand how to implement and integrate Common Core standards into their lesson plans and to develop rigorous student learning objectives.

"We commend and congratulate Jacque on receiving the 2014 Hawai'i Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year award, and extend our best wishes for her continued success in all her future endeavors. Today, to celebrate her success with us, we have in the gallery Jacque's daughter, Shannon Paraan, currently a student at Windward Community College. We also have her son, William Ewaliko, currently a junior at Castle High School, also my alma mater. And we have our principal of Kāne'ohe Elementary School, Derek Minakami.

"Thank you again, and congratulations, Jacque, for all your service, and I'll see you next week at school after spring break."

Senator Inouye recognized Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary School for its designation as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, and presented the following remarks:

"Thank you, Senator Tokuda. Mr. President, although no one from E.B. de Silva School was able to be here today, I want to take a moment to recognize the school on being chosen as a Hawai'i Blue Ribbon School for 2014.

"This honor is bestowed annually by the Hawai'i Department of Education on schools that consistently perform exceptionally well on standardized tests or show significant academic improvements. East Hawai'i's Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary School was among three in the state named 2014 National Blue Ribbon Schools for their outstanding performance and improvement efforts. Joining Hale'iwa Elementary and Red Hill Elementary, Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary School was among the 337 schools announced as winners by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

"The honor of being named a Hawai'i Blue Ribbon School for 2014 demonstrates that the students of Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary School have developed good character traits, sound values, and positive attitudes toward lifelong learning. Furthermore, Ernest Bowen de Silva Elementary School's educators are commended for doing an outstanding job, and the parents of the students are recognized for taking an active role in their children's education. Congratulations to the school, and congratulations to Hilo for receiving this recognition. Mahalo."

Senator Riviere congratulated Hale'iwa Elementary School on its designation as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, and presented the following remarks:

"Mr. President and colleagues, I'm honored today to congratulate Hale'iwa Elementary School as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School. We have with us today the principal of the school, Malaea Wetzel – let's welcome her.

"This is a great success story. Hale'iwa Elementary has been essential to our North Shore community since it opened as the Waialua English School in 1871. The name changed a few years ago with the addition of another school, but we're talking about 143 years of education for our community.

"Members, I'm sure you all remember the school consolidation process from a few years ago and how traumatic that was for some schools. Some schools closed; some schools survived. The Department of Education was looking carefully at schools to see where they could consolidate, close, and try to save some money. So while that was an admirable endeavor, we were terrified in our community because Hale'iwa was one of those schools that was on the chopping block. Chances for the school were touch and go, but Principal Wetzel, her staff and faculty, the parents, community members, everybody stepped forward to oppose the school closure. Fortunately for everyone, the DOE agreed about the continuing value of the school to the Waialua moku and the Hale'iwa community, and the school remains open today.

"Since Malaea Wetzel came on board in 2009, this school has seen a gigantic turnaround in performance. Enrollment is up; morale is up; the school is now recognized as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School.

"Hale'iwa Elementary School's mission is to develop well-rounded, literate students with coping and survival skills that are supported by a strong value system in order to become self-sufficient and contributing citizens of our world community. This wider view of the school's role in its students' development contributes to the strength of its curriculum.

"Thank you, Principal Wetzel, and your stellar staff, who I see here with you today in the gallery. I'm going to announce them in just a moment, but I'm proud to congratulate Hale'iwa Elementary School, proud home of the 'iwa, on being recognized as a 2014 Blue Ribbon School. Thank you.

"Mr. President, if I may introduce a few friends, our friends up here in the purple are strongly representing, and this shows the pride that we have in our community. I'd like to announce the names of these folks: Complex Area Superintendent Dr. John Brummel, Rowena Char, Nami-Anne Dolan, Jared Haiola, Lauren Kawachi, Colleen Kelleher, Jennifer Lee, Janine Mikasa, Candolyn Nakagawa, Ernest Pai, Eileen Pontti, Mary Villalpando, Pam Yamakawa, Tony Agsalda, Randee Banis, Michelle Clark, Lehua Ii-Michaelson, Kim Murakami-Samala, Wanda Murata, Mary Grace Rarogal, Ryland Skaggs-Valmoja, Cassey Almazan, Kupuna Winona Chaney, Cyndy Sumbad, Lisa Vidad Albeso, Alexa Long, Lauren Lumoya, Jensen Hirayama, and everyone else who came today from Hale'iwa to represent Hale'iwa Elementary."

Senator Kidani commended Red Hill Elementary School on its designation as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School, and presented the following remarks:

"Mr. President and colleagues, on behalf of President Kim, who is away today, I would like to introduce our next guest. And as it happens, she's a constituent of mine from Mililani: Principal Mona Smoot from Red Hill Elementary School, a third National Blue Ribbon School that we salute today.

"Just a few days ago, the U.S. Department of Education issued a ringing endorsement of Hawai'i's public schools when it issued its latest progress report on our educational reforms. Hawai'i received the highest marks, marking us one of only a few states to enjoy that ranking. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who visited the islands recently, stated, 'The progress that Hawai'i has made in its educational transformation is incredible. From instituting afterschool and summer enrichment programs at the state's lowest performing schools to providing direct support to teachers and schools as they transition to the state's new, higher academic standards, educator evaluation system, and other reform efforts, Hawai'i is a model for the rest of the country.'

"One of the reasons Hawai'i has been so successful is because of schools like Red Hill Elementary School, which was selected last year as a National Blue Ribbon School. In earning this designation, Red Hill joined an elite list of top schools in the entire nation. Red Hill's achievements reflect the work of many individuals all working toward a goal of excellence in education and sharing an unwavering commitment to giving our children the knowledge and skills they need to become productive citizens. Red Hill's principal, Mona Smoot, provides leadership to the team, and we are so pleased that she is with us today to enjoy this moment. Thank you very much, Mona.

"Mr. President, I'd like to welcome Mona's guests, who are in the gallery: her husband, Marc, and their son, Chris. Also, Malia and Tyler Brown are here with our honoree. Welcome to the Capitol, and thank you, Mona, for your work on behalf of Hawai'i's keiki.

"Mr. President, colleagues: I can think of no better way to conclude our Education Week program than by stepping back a few paragraphs to the words of Secretary Duncan: 'The progress that Hawai'i has made in its educational transformation is incredible. Hawai'i is a model for the rest of the country.' Let's keep it that way.

"Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues, for your attention and your participation in Education Week. I would be very, very remiss if I didn't tell you that behind all of this hard, hard work were my staff, and I would like to take a moment to introduce them: my office manager and Education committee clerk, Park Kaleiwahea. Thank you, Park! Also, I would like to introduce, from my staff, someone who helped all of us with our speeches this week: Jim Manke. And no, you guys cannot borrow him. Thank you very much. Thank you, Park and Jim. Mr. President and colleagues, thank you for your indulgence this week."

Senator Nishihara welcomed students and teachers from TeenPact Leadership Schools, who were present in the gallery.

At 12:03 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 76 to 79) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 76, from the Department of Budget and Finance dated February 18, 2015, transmitting the FYs 12-18 Non-General Fund Information Report of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Special Fund pursuant to Section 37-47, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 77, from the Department of Finance, County of Maui, dated February 20, 2015, transmitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the County of Maui for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Dept. Com. No. 78, from the Office of the Auditor dated February 20, 2015, transmitting 29 analyses on special and revolving funds proposed in the current legislative session pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 79, from the Department of Transportation dated February 26, 2015, transmitting a report on the circumstances of the changes made to the rates and charges implemented for all tenants using the Hawaii Airports System pursuant to Section 261-7(e), HRS.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 340) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 340, transmitting H.C.R. No. 14, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 19, 2015, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 14, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT AND DESIGNATING MAY AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN HAWAII," was deferred.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. No. 5) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 5, dated March 6, 2015, transmitting the 2014 Annual Report of the Hawai'i Access to Justice Commission pursuant to Rule 21(j)(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 918), recommending that H.B. No. 141 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 141, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS," pass Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 919) recommending that H.B. No. 538, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 538, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 920) recommending that H.B. No. 242 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 242, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 921) recommending that H.B. No. 264, H.D. 2, as amended in

S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 264, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 922) recommending that H.B. No. 623, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 623, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE STANDARDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 917 (Gov. Msg. No. 511):

Senator Chun Oakland moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 917 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Green and carried.

Senator Chun Oakland then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RACHAEL WONG as Director of the Department of Human Services, term to expire December 3, 2018, seconded by Senator Green.

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

"Colleagues, I believe that Dr. Rachael Wong's extensive experience, demonstrated leadership abilities, and devotion to the well-being of our community, along with her compassion and personal integrity, qualify her for the position of the director of the Department of Human Services.

"Dr. Wong brings to the department over 20 years of health and wellness experience. She is a graduate of Princeton University and earned her doctorate in public health at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. She was also a regional finalist for the White House Fellows program as well as a leader selected as part of the Omidyar Fellows program.

"Through her professional and volunteer experience, including participation in numerous task forces, advisory groups, and committees, Dr. Wong has established extensive contacts in the local community and has consistently found ways to build bridges and find solutions through teamwork and collaborative efforts.

"During Dr. Wong's most recent tenure as a vice president and chief operating officer of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, she has led efforts to develop a statewide community health needs assessment, which was published in 2013 and continues to be a key reference for the health planning and health care reform efforts in our state. This assessment was the first of its kind because it was a product of collaboration of all state hospitals and a partnership between the hospital association and public health agency. This effort involved various community stakeholders, acute care providers, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and ultimately highlighted the greatest existing health care needs in our community.

"One of Dr. Wong's strongest attributes is collaborative leadership. She engages all stakeholders, bringing together various departments, government entities, and the community, and establishes public-private partnerships to address issues in an innovative manner. Her ability to process vast amounts of information, think creatively, and communicate from the heart enables her to make connections and act with compassion and sensibility, which is very much needed to lead our large and complex department with a broad mandate to assist our children, our youth, our kūpuna, and families.

"Dr. Wong's expertise and her leadership, honesty, integrity, and commitment to the public good will serve Hawai'i and the Department of Human Services in an exceptional way. I respectfully request of my colleagues to support her as the new department director of Human Services. Thank you, Mr. President."

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

Ayes, 20. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (English, Galuteria, Ihara, Kahele, Kim).

Senator Chun Oakland introduced Dr. Rachael Wong, newly confirmed director of the Department of Human Services, who was accompanied in the gallery by her husband, Dr. Brad Chun; her parents, Lauri and Henry Wong; her sister and brother-in-law, Remle and Andy Birk; her niece, Mia Birk; Department of Human Services Deputy Director Pankaj Bhanot; and other supporters from the Department of Human Services and Office of the Governor.

At 12:16 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

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. 209, H.D. 2	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1167, H.D. 1	Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1172, H.D. 1	Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Baker rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"Every year, colleagues, the Women's Legislative Caucus works to provide Easter baskets to the Institute for Human Services, Hawaii's homeless shelter. These baskets should include necessities for families as well as some small items that provide entertainment for children. We would really like to invite all of our colleagues as well as our legislative offices to help us in preparing the baskets for this year's drive.

"My office is coordinating the collection of baskets, and you can bring them to my office beginning next week, the 25th, and we will hold them for delivery; we'll gather baskets from House and Senate offices and take them to the rotunda foyer for pick up on April the 2nd. I'm sure we'll have another Easter Bunny this year to help us with that effort, so if you have any questions or need any additional information about our Easter basket project, please let me know. We look forward to having all of the offices participate. Mahalo."

Senator Tokuda announced that the Committee on Ways and Means would be continuing its joint informational briefing with the House Committee on Finance later that afternoon at 1:15 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Senator Green rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"Senator Baker and I wanted to congratulate the medical school for matching all 66 of their students into residency. We spoke about it earlier today, and they were also ranked in the top 20 this year for primary care, so we are very proud of our medical school here in Hawai'i. Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Dela Cruz rose to invite the members to the Kunia Orchid Show taking place that weekend at Leilehua High School in Wahiawā.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:24 p.m., on motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2015.