

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Friday, March 17, 2017

The Senate of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2017, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators English, Galuteria, Keith-Agaran, and Tokuda who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Rhoads recognized Michael Broderick, president and chief executive officer of the YMCA of Honolulu, who was present in the gallery with executives from the Atherton, Camp Erdman, Central, Kaimuki-Wai'alaie, Kalihi, Leeward, Nu'uuanu, Windward, and Metropolitan Office branches.

Senator Thielen recognized and commended the ocean safety departments of the various counties, and presented the following remarks:

"The Outdoor Heritage Caucus began last year with a mission of uniting legislators to identify, protect, and promote the State of Hawai'i's heritage of outdoor cultural practices and recreational activities, and to foster appreciation and respect for outdoor heritage. Each of the years, we have done a floor ceremony, and this year, we want to recognize the ocean safety officers throughout the State of Hawai'i for their continuous hard work and dedication to Hawai'i, its people, and its visitors. Every day, our ocean safety officers are the primary responders to emergencies arising on Hawai'i's beaches and nearshore waters. Through ongoing and extensive training, ocean safety officers across our state are able to perform over 4,500 rescues every year, and well over 1.5 million preventative actions, keeping our residents and visitors safe as they enjoy our state's ocean waters. To begin our presentation today and recognize our floor honorees, I turn the message over to my colleague Senator Russell Ruderman."

Senator Ruderman rose to present the following remarks:

"Ocean safety services began on Hawai'i Island in 1972 at Punalu'u Beach with two guards. Today, 55 water safety officers staff 15 lifeguard towers covering 12 beaches across Hawai'i Island. This year, two of the department's rescue watercraft operators, Paul Tucker and Robin Fasciano, were honored with a Wake of Fame Heavy Water Award for saving two adults and a child on a kayak that was blown out into the channel. Joining us today from the Hawai'i County Fire Department is Battalion Chief Gerald Kosaki. Thank you for being here."

Senator Kim rose to present the following remarks:

"Mr. President, I'm very happy to introduce the handsome ocean safety officers of Kaua'i County. Playing a major role in the development of the Ocean Safety Bureau is director Kalani Vierra – please, Kalani, would you stand to be recognized? (See, I wasn't kidding when I said 'handsome.') The Kaua'i Fire Department Ocean Safety Bureau has the responsibility of providing ocean safety awareness, safeguarding beach patrons, responding to emergencies, and providing medical aid to Kaua'i's visitors and residents. Education is a large part of the Ocean Safety Bureau's program, and the Junior Lifeguard program has been an ongoing success to educate Kaua'i's youth in ocean safety awareness and to keep the next generation active, drug-free, and productive. With support from community groups, the Kaua'i Ocean Safety Bureau works vigilantly to accomplish the collective goal of increasing ocean safety and

awareness. Thank you, Kalani, for being here today and representing Kaua'i's ocean safety officers. We commend you for the outstanding job that you have done and continue to do so to make the ocean safe."

Senator Baker rose to present the following remarks:

"Maui County Ocean Safety Bureau began in 1977 at Baldwin Beach. In 2016, the Bureau was reorganized from the Maui County Department of Parks & Recreation to the Department of Fire & Public Safety, and we from Maui are equally proud of our ocean safety personnel. Today, there are nine year-round ocean safety locations on Maui, one seasonal location at Hāna Bay. The Maui County Ocean Safety Bureau works tirelessly to accomplish the collective goal of increasing ocean safety and awareness for everyone who enjoys Maui's pristine beaches. They do their work tirelessly with our visitor industry to make sure that we can maximize the information provided to our visitors who come to enjoy the wonderful outdoors that we have on Maui. Joining us today from the County of Maui Department of Fire & Public Safety is the battalion chief of Ocean Safety, Colin Yamamoto; and with him is our very active and supportive fire chief, Jeff Murray. We appreciate your good work on behalf of our residents and visitors in and around all of our islands in the County of Maui. Mahalo!"

Senator Rhoads rose to present the following remarks:

"Government-run lifeguard services began at Waikiki Beach in 1912 with two lifeguards operating under the Territorial Board of Harbor Commissioners. Today, the City and County of Honolulu's Ocean Safety officers guard 29 beaches and provide ocean safety services for 198 miles of O'ahu's coastline. Joining us today from the City and County of Honolulu's Emergency Services Department is Ocean Safety operations chief Kevin Allen. Mahalo."

Senator Thielen rose and stated:

"I do want to note: also joining us from the island of Kaua'i is safety officer Randy Ortiz. Thank you.

"Just to wrap up: The ocean safety officers of Hawai'i County, Kaua'i County, Maui County, and the City and County of Honolulu continue to be challenged with maintaining service levels as both resident and visitor population increases with a continuing increase in ocean activity. We applaud their hard work and dedication; we're privileged to honor you folks today, and I do want to note that we have some legislation in front of us this session which, hopefully, will allow them to continue their work. I'd like to introduce, in the gallery, we're being joined by Jim Howe of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Emergency Services, and his deputy director, Ian Santee. And also our state parks administrator extraordinaire, Curt Cottrell, has joined us. As many of you know. Our state beach parks are provided ocean safety services by the county divisions."

At 11:45 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:52 a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 924) recommending that H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 925) recommending that H.B. No. 891, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 891, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 926) recommending that H.B. No. 1325, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1325, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 927) recommending that H.B. No. 1339, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1339, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 928) recommending that H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following House bill that was received:

H.B. No.: Re-referred to:
 H.B. No. 1245, H.D. 2 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolution that was offered:

S.C.R. No.: Re-referred to:
 S.C.R. No. 159 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolution that was offered:

S.R. No.: Re-referred to:
 S.R. No. 76 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

At this time, Senator Baker rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"I just want to note for our friends on the fifth floor that there are only nine more session days. We are scheduling the appointments that we have for March 24, but there are still many of them to come down and I would certainly like to have them so that we can complete the process of vetting and have our hearing, to send them down to the Senate prior to the convening of conference. Only nine more session days until the deadline. Mahalo."

Senator Kidani announced that Education Week would take place the following week, with activities to recognize excellence in teachers, campus leadership, scholarship, and service, including a presentation from the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network, the Friends of the Library book sale, presentations on Early Childhood Learning, information from the Hawai'i Geographic Alliance and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education, and a number of floor presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:57 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 20, 2017.