

## THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019, convened at 11:40 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 Thirtieth Day.

At this time, Senator Taniguchi introduced Brendan Burns, grandson of the Honorable John A. Burns, former Governor of the State of Hawai'i, who was seated in the gallery with his wife, Pat; Emme Tomimbang, wife of the late James Burns; Adam Jansen, State Archivist; and the Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, State of Hawai'i.

On behalf of Senate President Kouchi, Senator Kidani congratulated the players and coaches of the Honolulu Little League Majors Team, and presented the following remarks:

"The Senate of the State of Hawai'i is pleased to recognize and honor the Honolulu Little League Majors Team for winning the 2018 Little League World Series Championship in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Team Honolulu qualified for the Little League World Series by winning the west regionals in San Bernardino, California. Shortly before Team Honolulu won the United States Little League Championship to meet South Korea in the championship game, news broke that Category 5 Hurricane Lane was streaming toward O'ahu. Team Honolulu became a beacon of hope for the State of Hawai'i as their success on a national stage provided a welcome diversion and sense of pride for the people of Hawai'i. With their shutout win against South Korea in the championship game, Team Honolulu became the third team from Hawai'i and the first Honolulu-based team to be crowned Little League World Series champions. Throughout the World Series tournament, Team Honolulu exemplified the aloha spirit with their passion, humility, and sportsmanship on and off the field. Team Honolulu were ambassadors of aloha to their host city of South Williamsport and their peers, both from the United States and abroad, as they were named a co-recipient of the Jack Losch Little League Baseball World Series Team Sportsmanship Award.

"Team Honolulu was led by manager Gerald Oda and coaches Keith Oda (who is not present today) and Willis Kato, and players Sean Yamaguchi (pitcher and second baseman), Jace Souza (outfielder), and Tanner Chun (second baseman, shortstop, and outfielder). And players who could not be here with us today were Ka'olu Holt, Aukai Kea, Chandler Murray, Mana Lau Kong, Zachary Won, Bruce Boucher, Hunter Nishina, Nainoa De La Cruz, Caleb Okada, Kory Chu, and Taylin Oana.

"The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i commends and congratulates the players and coaches of Team Honolulu for winning the 2018 Little League World Series Championship and extends its very best wishes in their future endeavors. Congratulations. Mr. President, in the gallery, I wish to introduce the father of Sean Yamaguchi, Mike Yamaguchi; the father of Jace Souza, Alfred Souza III; and the father of Tanner Chun, Michael Chun. Thank you very much."

At 11:46 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Ruderman, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1216) recommending that H.B. No. 1355, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1355, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Ruderman, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1217) recommending that H.B. No. 1417, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1417, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Ruderman, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1218) recommending that H.B. No. 713, 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 Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1211 (Gov. Msg. No. 541):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1211 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BRUCE S. ANDERSON as Director of the Department of Health, term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

"Mr. President and colleagues, Dr. Anderson was born and raised in Hawai'i. He attended Punahou School on O'ahu, graduated from Colorado College, and received a master's degree in public health from Yale University and a PhD in biomedical sciences from the University of Hawai'i. Bruce has previously served as director of Health from 1999 to 2002, as deputy director of environmental health from 1987 to 1998, and, prior to that, he was a state epidemiologist, so he clearly loves the activities of the Department of Health. He also served as president and chief executive officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, which includes our public hospitals providing inpatient and outpatient services primarily in rural areas across the state. Altogether, Bruce has over 35 years of experience managing health and environmental protection programs in our state.

"The director of Health is the chief health and environmental official in Hawai'i, and oversees more than 100 programs and over 2,700 dedicated staff members whose mission is to protect

and improve the health and environment for all people here in Hawai'i. I believe that Dr. Anderson's leadership abilities, his professional experience, and extensive knowledge will continue to be valuable assets to the Department of Health, and I urge my colleagues to join me to vote in favor of his confirmation. Mahalo."

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 Baker introduced Director Bruce Anderson, who was present in the gallery with his wife, Debbie.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1212 (Gov. Msg. No. 542):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1212 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CATHY Y. ROSS as Deputy Director of the Department of Health, term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

"Cathy has over 18 years of public health service in Hawai'i and previously worked in the Department of Health in various positions related to tobacco prevention, school health and wellness, and nutrition and physical activity promotion. She also served as the department's first performance improvement manager, an experience that gave her a deep understanding of the impact primary prevention can have on large populations, small communities, and individuals, and taught her the importance of addressing health issues within the context of systems. Cathy has a master's degree in both public health and business administration. She has a strong commitment to improving public health outcomes through strengthening administrative operations, growing interdepartmental collaborations, and exploring new ways to engage with service providers. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to confirm Cathy as deputy director of the Department of Health. Mahalo."

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 Baker introduced Deputy Director Cathy Ross, who was present in the gallery with staff supporters from the Department of Health.

**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. 332, Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
H.D. 1 Protection, and Health, then to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

H.B. No. 1394, Committee on Ways and Means  
H.D. 1

**RE-REFERRAL OF  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolutions that were offered:

S.C.R. No.: Re-referred to:

S.C.R. No. 97 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.C.R. No. 98 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.C.R. No. 99 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health and the  
Committee on Human Services and the  
Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 102 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.C.R. No. 104 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.C.R. No. 111 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.C.R. No. 127 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health and the  
Committee on Human Services and the  
Committee on Education

**RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolutions that were offered:

S.R. No.: Re-referred to:

S.R. No. 75 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.R. No. 76 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.R. No. 77 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.R. No. 78 Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health

S.R. No. 97 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health and the  
Committee on Human Services and the  
Committee on Education

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:57 a.m., on motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2019.