

THIRTIETH DAY

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 11:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Chang, Harimoto, and Kahele who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-Ninth Day.

At this time, Senator Rhoads recognized members of Planned Parenthood's Teen Council, a diverse body of students from local schools who meet weekly with a Planned Parenthood educator to discuss various sexual health and relationship issues. Teen Council members create classroom presentations to share with their peers and are involved in advocacy, social justice, and public policy, all of which fosters an environment where teens feel empowered to find their own voice and to advocate for greater change for future generations. Senator Rhoads noted that Teen Council members were holding a Lobby Day at the State Capitol in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawai'i's law legalizing abortion, and invited the members to view a painting by local artist Lauren Hana Chai that demonstrates advocacy in action at last year's rally to stop anti-abortion laws. Senator Rhoads then introduced Teen Council members Jensen Dunn, Krislynn Gonzales, Jane Paia-Sobrado, Ellie Sampson, Sirena Spurrier, and Mahinamakamae Wallace, as well as other supporters and guests who were present in the gallery.

Senator Rhoads also introduced Fetu Kolio, an old friend and longtime resident of the 13th Senatorial District, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Dela Cruz welcomed Randy Ching, a big supporter of Hawai'i's environment, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Kim honored Robert Lopaka Kapanui, and presented the following remarks:

"Colleagues, today we are honored to recognize an individual on his standing as one of Hawai'i's foremost storytellers and for his dedication and passion for perpetuating Hawai'i's rich history through the treasured art of storytelling. For over 20 years, Robert Lopaka Kapanui has been sharing more than Hawaiian ghost stories—he perpetuates and celebrates local culture, history, language, and folklore through his storytelling and knowledge of the islands' history and legends. Lopaka is a Native Hawaiian storyteller, writer, actor, kumu hula, and cultural practitioner as well as a husband, father, and grandfather, and even a former professional wrestler. Sometimes known as 'The Ghost Guy,' he says his expertise has come through research, personal experience, and others who share their stories with him.

"Born and raised on O'ahu, he grew up hearing legends and ghost stories from his kūpuna, which were passed on to Lopaka through mo'olelo, mouth to ear, sitting at the feet of his mother and aunt. He listened and learned that this legacy would be passed down to his family one day. In 1994, Lopaka took a ghost tour with Glen Grant, tour creator and renowned author of the *Obake Files* and *Chicken Skin* story series. At the time, he had no idea that he was about to meet his future mentor, the man who would change the course of his life. Lopaka quickly realized that the stories Grant told were the same that his kūpuna had shared with him, but bolstered by documentation and history. Through his company, *Mysteries of Hawai'i*, Lopaka followed in the footsteps of his friend and mentor to

honor the legacy of the man who meant so much to him. Carrying on Hawai'i's rich history of ha'i mo'olelo, Lopaka today shares tales with those who respect and admire him as a teacher, guide, and repository of our culture and history. In keeping with Grant's encouragement to do more, *Mysteries of Hawai'i* also gives back to the community by supporting the Special Olympics and Project Graduation, storytelling at public schools and libraries to support literacy, and sharing at Camp Anuenue, a children's cancer program.

"I'd like Lopaka to please stand to be recognized along with his wife, Tanya Ululani Kapanui. It is because of Tanya's love and support and encouragement that he is able to do what he does and share the stories of our island home. Now, I'm not going to let him tell you any ghost stories about this capitol because I know many of you work late at night and you might not want to know what is lurking in our hallways, but once again, thank you very much for being here, and we can have another round of applause for our guests."

At 11:39 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 625 to 635) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 625, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, the nomination of JON FUJII, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 626, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, the nomination of KATHI CALLES, term to expire June 30, 2020, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 627, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, the nomination of KATHI CALLES, term to expire June 30, 2024, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 628, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, the nomination of DIANA FELTON, term to expire June 30, 2021, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 629, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of JON FUJII, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 630, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of TIMOTHY LINO, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 631, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of RUSNELL PASCUAL-KESTNER, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 632, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of EILEEN LAU-JAMES, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 633, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of BEATRICE MARTINEZ, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 634, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of RICHARD RIES, term to expire June 30, 2024, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 635, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, the nomination of ALEXANDRA MACIAS, term to expire June 30, 2022, was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 425 to 431) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 425, from the University of Hawai'i dated February 11, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 426, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated February 18, 2020, transmitting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project – Electronic Case Management System Independent Verification and Validation Report for October 2019 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 427, from the University of Hawai'i dated February 18, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 428, from the Office of the Auditor dated February 21, 2020, transmitting the Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2020 (Report No. 20-04) pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 429, from the University of Hawai'i dated February 25, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 430, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated February 26, 2020, transmitting the Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for January 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 431, from the Office of the Auditor dated February 26, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the State of Hawai'i Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on December 19, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Ruderman, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3402) recommending that H.B. No. 2615, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and

H.B. No. 2615, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

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. 1529, H.D. 2	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1678, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1689, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1701, H.D. 1	Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1988, H.D. 2	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2054, H.D. 1	Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2097, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2203, H.D. 1	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2336, H.D. 1	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2474, H.D. 1	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary

The Chair then announced that all members were to meet in the Majority caucus room immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 2020.