

## THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Thursday, May 14, 2020

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 12:04 p.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with Senators Chang and Ruderman present and participating via videoconference, and with the exception of Senator Harimoto who was excused.

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

The Chair greeted Senate Communications Director Jesse Broder Van Dyke, who was present in the gallery.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 808) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 808, informing the Senate that on May 13, 2020, the Governor withdrew the nomination of CHRISTOPHER FLANDERS to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, under Gov. Msg. No. 607, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 808, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 607 was returned.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3482 (Gov. Msg. No. 541):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3482 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 LEODOLOFF ASUNCION, JR. to the Public Utilities Commission, term to expire June 30, 2026, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

"I ask all of my colleagues to vote to confirm Governor's Message 541—it's our PUC commissioner Leo Asuncion. He has served as commissioner since May of 2019; he has 30 years of experience in planning, policy analysis, and management, and an extensive background in urban planning. He has tremendous leadership skills, a thorough understanding of the requirements before the Public Utilities Commission, and I believe he will be an asset there and to the Hawai'i residents, and I ask my colleagues to advise and consent."

The Chair then remarked:

"I'll probably say it at the end next week, but this also would be an appropriate time. We're dealing with over 260 governor's messages—whether boards or commissions or cabinet members—and I appreciate the efforts of all of the chairs to contact, reach out, and try to do the best job that we can in vetting all of these individuals with the limitations we're confronted with. But, in particular, to you, Chair Baker: You have just over one-third of all of the nominations that we have received, and we did end originally on May 7th; we have no session staff to assist us, so not just to you, but to you and your regular full-time staff for the work that you have put in to get this done, I just want to extend my thanks and appreciation."

Senator Inouye rose to request that remarks in support of the nominee be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Inouye's remarks read as follows:

"I am in support of Leodoloff 'Leo' Asuncion, Jr. for PUC Commissioner, G.M. 541. Leo is a well-qualified individual with extensive and in-depth understanding of administrative management strategies and planning, economic, regulatory, and fiscal principles. He's a team player, and is well-versed in time management and organization skills. His work ethic is strong and formidable in doing the right thing and keeping the work above board. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts in support of this nominee for the PUC Commission, Leo Asuncion."

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3483 (Gov. Msg. No. 534):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3483 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 BRIAN CHEN to the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, term to expire June 30, 2021, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3484 (Gov. Msg. No. 535):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3484 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 JAMES PLEISS to the Hawai'i Board of Chiropractic, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3485 (Gov. Msg. No. 538):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3485 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 FRANKLIN DAO to the Hawai'i Medical Board, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3486 (Gov. Msg. No. 544):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3486 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 MARGARET WILLIAMS to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, term to expire June 30, 2024, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3487 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 512 and 513):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3487 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Acupuncture of the following:

DEBORAH MCMENEMY, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 512); and

JONI KROLL, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 513),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3488 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 514 and 515):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3488 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Dentistry of the following:

JOSEPH CHU, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 514); and

ANDREW TSEU, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 515),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3489 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 516 and 517):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3489 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Hurricane Relief Fund of the following:

SCOTT EBELL, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 516); and

CORY MITSUI, term to expire June 30, 2021 (Gov. Msg. No. 517),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3490 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 518, 519, 520, and 521):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3490 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers of the following:

CHARLES TANABE, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 518);

SHEUNG MAN WONG, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 519);

ROBERT BARRETT, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 520); and

JASON TAKARA, term to expire June 30, 2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 521),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3491 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 523, 524, and 525):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3491 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine of the following:

DAVID KERN, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 523);

KRISTEN COLES, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 524); and

JOY KIMURA, term to expire June 30, 2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 525),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3492 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 526 and 527):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3492 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Pharmacy of the following:

PATRICK ADAMS, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 526); and

SHERI TOKUMARU, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 527),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3493 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 528 and 529):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3493 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Boards of Private Detectives and Guards of the following:

ALBERT DENIS, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 528); and

DOUGLAS INOUE, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 529),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3494 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 530, 531, and 532):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3494 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects of the following:

JANET PRIMIANO, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 530);

JAY ISHIBASHI, term to expire June 30, 2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 531); and

MARC VENTURA, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 532),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3495 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 536 and 537):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3495 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine of the following:

AILEEN WADA, term to expire June 30, 2021 (Gov. Msg. No. 536); and

CLAYTON MATCHETT, term to expire June 30, 2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 537),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3496 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 539 and 540):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3496 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Pest Control Board of the following:

DAVID LAU, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 539); and

JULIAN YATES III, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 540),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3497 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 542 and 543):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3497 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Real Estate Commission of the following:

DERRICK YAMANE, term to expire June 30, 2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 542); and

NIKKI SENTER, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 543),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3498 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 545, 546, and 547):

Senator Baker moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3498 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Baker then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Board of Nursing of the following:

AMY STONE MURAI, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 545);

BENJAMIN RAMOS, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 546); and

JOMEL DULDULAO, term to expire June 30, 2024 (Gov. Msg. No. 547),

seconded by Senator Chang.

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Harimoto).

At this time, Senator Gabbard rose on a point of personal privilege to extend happy birthday wishes to Senator Wakai.

Senator Kahele also rose to wish Senator Wakai hau'oli lā hānau.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:09 p.m., on motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020.