

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, 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 Ihara and Keohokalole who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Shimabukuro introduced Duane DeSoto, a constituent and World Longboard champion, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator DeCoite recognized Melissa Pavlicek. Accompanying her in the gallery was Sam Lopez from the Building Owners and Managers Association in Washington, D.C., who was visiting the Capitol for the first time.

Senator Wakai announced that it was Water Safety Day at the Capitol and encouraged the members to visit the displays on the fourth floor. Senator Wakai then welcomed Water Safety Day participants who were present in the gallery: Kalani Vierra and Kirsten Hermstad of the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association; president Shirley De Rego and Ryder Sansano of the Alex & Duke De Rego Foundation; Jessamy Town Hornor, coordinator of the Hawai'i Water Safety Coalition; and founder and chief executive officer Duane DeSoto and chief operations officer Matt Kauwe of Nā Kama Kai.

Senator Lee welcomed Andrew McClean, a friend and former state legislator from Maine. Accompanying him in the gallery were his dad, David; David's partner, Mary; and his uncle and aunt John and Debbie.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 626 and 627) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 626, submitting for consideration and confirmation as Administrator of the State Procurement Office, the nomination of BONNIE KAHAKUI, term to expire in four years, was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 627, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, the nomination of BENJAMIN KUDO, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2735) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 595.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2735 and Gov. Msg. No. 595 was deferred until Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2736) recommending

that S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2736 and S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FOOD SERVICES," was deferred until Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2737) recommending that S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2737 and S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS," was deferred until Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2738) recommending that S.B. No. 541, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 541, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," was recommitted to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2739) recommending that S.B. No. 2387 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2387, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OWNERS OF LAND," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2740) recommending that S.B. No. 2333 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2333, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2741) recommending that S.B. No. 2347 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2347, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2742) recommending that S.B. No. 2193, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B.

No. 2193, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPUTER CRIME," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2743) recommending that S.B. No. 2334, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION AUDITS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2744) recommending that S.B. No. 2310, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2310, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARASSMENT," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2745) recommending that S.B. No. 2251, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2251, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2746) recommending that S.B. No. 2280, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2280, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCING," was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

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

S.B. No. 2684 Committee on Judiciary

S.B. No. 2831 Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Gabbard conveyed his best wishes to Senator Richards, who would be turning 65 on Friday.

The Chair expressed his hope that Senator Richards had filed for his Medicare card, and Senator Richards replied that he was "on it." The Chair remarked, in response, that one would not want to be tardy.

The Chair then announced that there would be a Majority Caucus meeting immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:38 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024.