

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Thursday, March 21, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:42 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 Thirty-Sixth Day.

At this time, Senator Fevella acknowledged family members of Nicholas Nishimura, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Seated in the gallery were Mr. Nishimura's dad, Kevin; and sister Alexis. Senator Fevella also introduced members of his staff: Matthew Elgarico, Joyce Oliveira, and Raiza Dalofin. Senator Fevella then introduced Senate Minority Research Office staff members Tesha Malama and Nia Tatofi.

Senator Elefante welcomed 'Aiea resident and retired Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Area superintendent Karen Moriyama. Accompanying her in the gallery were her granddaughters Leila Fuentes and Mari Fuentes, who were visiting on spring break.

Senator Hashimoto introduced the 2024 cohort of Ka Ipu Kukui, a Maui-based leadership program for those aged 25 to 40 years old. Senator Hashimoto noted that the group was visiting O'ahu to attend governance meetings. Present in the gallery were Olena Alec, Christian Apo Takayama, Kauano Batangan, Jack Dowling, Jason Economou, Alohi Gomes, Sterling Higa, Nicole Huguenin, Becky Lind, Brielyn Onodera, Matt Padgett, Makayla Rickard, Bailey Spry, Jill Wirt, and Dav Yuan.

Senator Hashimoto also recognized guests who were at the Capitol visiting from Maui for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) Cancer Action Day. Seated in the gallery were Cheryl Okuma, a constituent of Senator Hashimoto's; Benita Brazier; Tierra Bueno-Moniz; Ashley Rodrigues; Kahalawai Rodrigues; and Emberlyn Alcantara.

Senator DeCoite introduced volunteers from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) from Maui who were present in the gallery: Jeremy Hall; Kellen King; Jenn Bueno; and the youngest advocate, Kellen and Jenn's son Jalen King, who would be nine months old the following weekend.

Senator Moriwaki welcomed guests from the ACS CAN who were seated in the gallery: Cynthia Au, government relations director of ACS; Tricia Buskirk, ACS Hawaii-Guam board chair; Laura Creider, ACS Hawaii-Guam executive director; and volunteers Leana Abe, Christopher Alavarado, Ember Alcantara, Darice Apo, Jen Bastiaanse, Elizabeth Becker, Benita Brazier, Jenn Bueno, Tierra Bueno-Moniz, Karen Copeland, Michelle Emura, Joshua Fowler, Michi Fried, Elton Fukumoto, Elaine Gibson, Chelsea Gonzales, Jeremy Hall, Frances Harimoto, Jenny Hausler, Mary Kemp, Kellen King, Mickey LaVarre, Bill Loui, Lourdes Marcelo, Uri Martos, McKayla McCullah, MaryJane McCullah, Marcellus McCullah, Theresa Medeiros, Olivia Neumann, Natalie Nimmer, Cheryl Okuma, Ryan Ozawa, Ashley Rodrigues, Kahalawai Rodrigues-Gusman, Tawney Sablan, Mark Vasconcellos, Amanda Wittig, and Beverly Wong.

Senator Kidani congratulated distinguished Hawai'i students, and presented the following remarks:

"While today marks the final day of our joint floor presentations for Education Week, presentations and events at the Capitol continue today and tomorrow. We have the pleasure of welcoming student honorees to the Senate floor who

represent some of the brightest young minds of their generation and the future of our communities here in Hawai'i.

"Beginning with the Hawai'i delegates of the 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program, I call upon the honoree's district senator from District 3, Senator Dru Kanuha."

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

"The U.S. Senate Youth Program was created in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution 324 and has been funded by the Hearst Foundations. The merit-based program was established to further national youth education in the three branches of government and to emphasize the importance of democratic decisions and relationships throughout the world. Each year, only two delegates from each state are selected. It is with great pride that I acknowledge one of the student delegates, Lehua Norris. Please stand.

"Lehua Norris is a senior in my district at Konawaena High School in Kealahou. She embodies the aloha spirit in her leadership style. Lehua has assumed multiple roles on her school's class council, including vice president, treasurer, historian, and secretary. Lehua has demonstrated her commitment to collaboration and cultural awareness as the secretary of the Hawai'i State Student Council, which represents over 170,000 Hawai'i public school students. She also serves as an officer on the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, National Art Honors Society, and Student Credit Union. Her leadership extends to organizing local community outreach events focused on climate change and encouraging civic engagement among Hawai'i's youth. A passionate dancer of hula and 'Ori Tahiti, Lehua pursues interests in public service and advocacy through internships with local leaders.

"Please join me in recognizing Lehua Norris as one of Hawai'i's 2024 U.S. Senate Youth Program delegates.

"I now yield the floor to Senator Ihara."

Senator Ihara rose to present the following remarks:

"The Prudential Emerging Visionaries program, a collaboration between Prudential Financial and Ashoka, recognizes 25 young leaders aged 14 to 18 from all over the United States who are addressing financial and social challenges in their communities. This program celebrates inventive solutions to problems such as financial literacy, climate change, mental health, and refugee support. Awardees are selected for their innovation, potential impact, understanding of the issues, and commitment to inspiring change. This program is an evolution of the 26-year Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and extends internationally to Brazil, China, India, and Japan. I have the honor of recognizing this year's Prudential Emerging Visionary award recipient, Kylee Hamamoto. Could you stand, and could you stay standing?"

"Kylee Hamamoto, a senior at Punahou School, is celebrated for her visionary leadership in creating WeGo! Hawai'i, a nonprofit aimed at empowering strong and independent female leaders. Her groundbreaking program has touched the lives of over 20,000 young women, equipping them with the necessary tools to discover their passion, boost their self-confidence, and launch initiatives that positively impact their communities. WeGo! Hawai'i offers a rich array of activities including networking opportunities, community projects, workshops, and a structured four-step process designed to nurture leadership skills. Beyond its local impact, WeGo! Hawai'i has achieved international reach, establishing chapters in California and several prefectures across Japan, creating a global network of

empowered women. Kylee's initiatives, deeply rooted in the values of aloha, kuleana, laulima, and mālama, have sparked 50 projects worldwide. These efforts address critical issues and champion gender equality, showcasing the far-reaching influence of Kylee's vision and leadership.

"Please join me in recognizing Kylee Hamamoto as our Prudential Emerging Visionary awardee.

"Thank you. Mr. President. I now yield the floor to Senator Awa."

Senator Awa rose to present the following remarks:

"I have the privilege of introducing the only public school student in Hawai'i to win the U.S. Presidential Scholar award last year. The award is one of the nation's highest honors a high school student can achieve. This student graduated with a GPA of 4.145—tops in her class—a valedictorian with a STEM Capstone, National Honor Society, and CTE awards. Representing Ka'a'awa, Hawai'i, by way of Kahuku High School, a freshman at Yale University—she speaks nearly four different languages, but her favorite word is 'yessah'—ladies and gentlemen, representing the pride of the North Shore, make some noise for Vaeaniu Peck.

"A middle child stuck between two brothers, she ventured all the way to Connecticut for college, where she's studying mechanical engineering and renewable energy. Vaeaniu is also involved with Bulldogs Racing, which is Yale's formula racing team. She's on the Indigenous Peoples of Oceania club for Pasifika students. She also has an eyebrow business up there and calls that her hidden talent. She's a country girl at heart—Vaeaniu loves surfing and sewing swimsuits. She also has a pet chicken named Stella, so I'm not the only one in here who supports the chickens. Thank you for being here.

"In Kahuku, athletes get these [*holds up red "K" letter patch with white border*] all the time; scholars should, too. Vaeaniu, this is yours. Congratulations. Please give her a warm welcome to the Senate.

"And I now yield the floor to Senator Chang."

Senator Chang rose to present the following remarks:

"The annual LifeSmarts consumer education competition is a game show-style contest that tests students on their knowledge of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities. The LifeSmarts program, run by the National Consumers League, is sponsored in Hawai'i by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration and Insurance Division, in partnership with the Hawaii Credit Union League. LifeSmarts is a free educational program that prepares students to enter the real world as smart consumers by teaching them the skills they need to succeed in a modern global marketplace.

"Three teams from O'ahu schools took top honors in the 20th annual statewide competition, and two teams are joining us here today. I am thrilled to acknowledge Kalani High School, the first-place winner of the 2024 LifeSmarts competition. Please rise.

"In the statewide final hosted at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Campus Center Ballroom, Kalani High School emerged victorious. The deserving students of the Kalani High School team—Brandon Tran, Andy Chen, Michelle He, Kyla Iglesia, Mason Vuong, and coaches Mike Zane and Susan Hori—won a first-place victory at the annual LifeSmarts consumer education competition. Congratulations.

"I now yield the floor to Senator Aquino."

Senator Aquino rose to present the following remarks:

"I have the tremendous opportunity and honor of recognizing our last floor presentation of the 2024 Education Week program, the third-place winner of the 2024 LifeSmarts competition, Waipahu High School. Please rise.

"Please join me in congratulating the deserving students of the Waipahu High School team—Reagan Chinen, Ross Angel Bagaoisan, Stephanie Menor, Jordan Nguyen, and Joybel Parinas and assistant principal Algerico Uganiza Jr.—on their third-place victory at the annual LifeSmarts consumer education competition. Congratulations.

"I now yield the floor back to Senator Kidani."

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

"I would also like to take a moment to recognize the second-place winners of the 2024 LifeSmarts competition from Maryknoll School, who could not join us today. We are tremendously proud of their dedication to their education and their preparation for the competition. Senate President, may I request that the names of the first-, second-, and third-place winners of the LifeSmarts competition be entered into the Senate Journal?

"Also, I would like to recognize the second U.S. Youth Senate Program delegate for Hawai'i, Ahryanna McGuirk, who could not make it today. She is currently attending an orientation at the University of Virginia after being awarded the prestigious Jefferson Scholarship. We are proud of her achievement as the first Jefferson Scholar from our state in years. Ahryanna is a senior at Kalāheo High School and currently serves as the student member on the Board of Education. She volunteers on the Youth Leadership Council for Make-A-Wish Hawaii and founded O'ahu's first-ever high school Wish Club, granting wishes for children with critical illnesses. She is an accomplished athlete and musician and is working towards her private pilot license.

"Colleagues, today's honorees are an important reminder of the profound kuleana we have in nurturing our keiki as they are the future of our state. While this concludes our 2024 Education Week floor presentations, festivities continue today and tomorrow. This afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Capitol Auditorium, guests will have the opportunity to learn about the Leadership Institute's strategies for creating a pipeline for teachers through leadership development and bridging the gap between administrators and educators. Lastly, tomorrow, Hawai'i Children's Action Network will be hosting an Early Learning Day Rally in the Rotunda.

"Senate President, I now yield the floor back to you."

The Chair having so ordered (on the Thirty-Fourth Day, March 18, 2024), the names and accomplishments of the honorees read as follows:

"Attendees on the Floor: 2024 United States Senate Youth Program: Lehua Norris, Konawaena High School; 2023 Prudential Emerging Visionary: Kylee Hamamoto, Punahou; 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholar: Vaeaniu Peck, Kahuku High School; 2024 Hawaii LifeSmarts State Competition 1st place: Kalani High School (Brandon Tran, Andy Chen, Michelle He, Kyla Iglesia, and Mason Vuong); and 2024 Hawaii LifeSmarts State Competition 3rd place: Waipahu High School (Reagan Chinen, Ross Angel Bagaoisan, Stephanie Menor, Jordan Nguyen and Joybel Parinas).

"Additional Awardees to Mention (not in attendance): 2024 United States Senate Youth Program: Ahryanna McGuirk, Kalāheo High School; and 2024 Hawaii LifeSmarts State Competition 2nd place: Maryknoll School (Kaya Pettit, Cassandra Barut, Aaron Broderick, Kevin Ng and Tyler Takahashi)."

The Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately after adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators DeCoite and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170) recommending that H.B. No. 1972, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and McKelvey, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3171) recommending that H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Wakai, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3172) recommending that H.B. No. 2805, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3173) recommending that H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3174) recommending that H.B. No. 2570, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3175) recommending that H.B. No. 1805, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1805, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST LAWSUITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3176) recommending that H.B. No. 2486, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3177) recommending that H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3178) recommending that H.B. No. 1806, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1806, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR TAX APPEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators McKelvey and Aquino, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3179) recommending that H.B. No. 2696, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2696, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAHAINA WILDFIRE RECOVERY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators McKelvey and DeCoite, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3180) recommending that H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3181) recommending that H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3182) recommending that H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3183) recommending that H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kim and Aquino, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3184) recommending that H.B. No. 2501, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2501, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPORTING REQUIREMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3185) recommending that H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3186) recommending that H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN

ACT RELATING TO RAW MILK," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3187) recommending that H.B. No. 2662, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2662, H.D. 1, S.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 Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3188) recommending that H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Wakai, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3189) recommending that H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators San Buenaventura and Wakai, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3190) recommending that H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Chang and Gabbard, for the majority of the Committee on Housing and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3191) recommending that H.B. No. 2358, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Rhoads and Aquino, for the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3192) recommending that H.B. No. 1917, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3193) recommending that H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3194) recommending that H.B. No. 1941, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1941, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3195) recommending that H.B. No. 1639, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1639, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BASE COMPOSITE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3196) recommending that H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3197) recommending that H.B. No. 2235, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Aquino and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3198) recommending that H.B. No. 2552, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2552, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Wakai, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3199) recommending that H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3200) recommending that H.B. No. 1834, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3201) recommending that H.B. No. 2215, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3202) recommending that H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3203) recommending that H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3204) recommending that H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATH BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3205) recommending that H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3206) recommending that H.B. No. 1974, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3207) recommending that H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3208) recommending that H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3209) recommending that H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3210) recommending that H.B. No. 408, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 408, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3211) recommending that H.B. No. 335, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 335, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3212) recommending that H.B. No. 1652, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3213) recommending that H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3214) recommending that H.B. No. 2399, 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 Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3215) recommending that H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 2, as

amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred 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 H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Aquino and Kim, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3216) recommending that H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168 (S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168 and S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1, be adopted, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Fevella rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"It's very hard for me this morning to stand in opposition to these resolutions. We know no one wins at war, and I know the humane on both sides is not great. If we could, we would stop everything, but in our own families, in our own state, families are torn apart for two things: One is religion; the other one is politics. Sitting here this morning, contemplating on my decision—listening to the testimonies and listening to what is happening—I knew with a heavy heart that I am in opposition to this resolution, and only because we should not have to have wars on both sides. And I understand the feelings of a lot of people in this chamber, but, again, at the end of the day, for decades and decades, this war and this inhumane treatment has been going on for decades. To stand here alone—we're standing here to try to go on both sides and say that one person should stop and the other person should stop, too—that's something that I don't really believe that we should get in the middle of, and that's the reason why I cannot support this resolution. Spiritually, I just think that a lot of us have our own personal reasons for what's happening in our country, and I think we should continue to not only pray for our country, to pray for Palestine, and pray for Israel that we all can have a peace and good resolution and just continue to work together. Thank you, President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA," was adopted, with Senators Dela Cruz, Kim, Moriwaki, and Rhoads voting "Aye with Reservations" and Senator Fevella voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169 (S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1):

Senator Wakai moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169 and S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, be adopted, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Fevella rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"It's very hard for me this morning to stand in opposition to these resolutions. We know no one wins at war, and I know the humane on both sides is not great. If we could, we would stop everything, but in our own families, in our own state, families are torn apart for two things: One is religion; the other one is politics. Sitting here this morning, contemplating on my decision—listening to the testimonies and listening to what is happening—I knew with a heavy heart that I am in opposition to this resolution, and only because we should not have to have wars on both sides. And I understand the feelings of a lot of people in this chamber, but, again, at the end of the day, for decades and decades, this war and this inhumane treatment has been going on for decades. To stand here alone—we're standing here to try to go on both sides and say that one person should stop and the other person should stop, too—that's something that I don't really believe that we should get in the middle of, and that's the reason why I cannot support this resolution. Spiritually, I just think that a lot of us have our own personal reasons for what's happening in our country, and I think we should continue to not only pray for our country, to pray for Palestine, and pray for Israel that we all can have a peace and good resolution and just continue to work together. Thank you, President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA," was adopted, with Senators Dela Cruz, Kim, Moriwaki, and Rhoads voting "Aye with Reservations" and Senator Fevella voting "No."

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. 1827, Committee on Ways and Means
H.D. 2

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. 82 Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism

At this time, Senator Gabbard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1.

Senator Gabbard noted:

"Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment intends to reconsider the previous action taken on this measure."

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Gabbard announced that the Committee on Agriculture and Environment would be holding a decision-

making meeting on the measure that day at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 224.

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on House bills that need to pass Second Reading and move laterally to the final Senate committee is 10:00 p.m. this evening.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:06 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 22, 2024.