

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Friday, April 19, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:38 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 Fifty-Third Day.

At this time, Senator Shimabukuro introduced members of her staff who were present in the gallery: committee clerk Sam Peck, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session; aide Luke Henderson; and chief of staff Keahi Renaud.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 1105 to 1107) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1105, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1541 as Act 5, entitled: "RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH."

Gov. Msg. No. 1106, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1880 as Act 6, entitled: "RELATING TO THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1107, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1915 as Act 7, entitled: "RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE."

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 768 to 778) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 768, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on February 21, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 470, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 769, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on March 11, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 770, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 9, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 771, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 11, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);

H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2489, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1); and
H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 772, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed the following House bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1842, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2295, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 2513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and
H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 773, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker made the following changes to the conferees on the following bill:

H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representative Morikawa discharged as co-chair; added as a manager.

Representative Takenouchi discharged as a manager; added as co-chair.

Hse. Com. No. 774, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Perruso, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Garrett, Kila, Garcia.

S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Gates, Kahaloa, co-chairs; Ward.

S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Perruso, Poepoe, co-chairs; Garrett, M. Mizuno, Ward.

S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Nakashima, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Garrett, Kila, Ward.

S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Todd, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Chun, Kapela, Morikawa, Garcia.

S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Gates, Ichiyama, Tarnas, co-chairs; Kahalao, M. Mizuno, Ward.

S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Perruso, Matayoshi, Lamosao, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Garcia.

S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, Morikawa, co-chairs; Kahalao, Kila, Garcia.

S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Perruso, Tarnas, Morikawa, co-chairs; Kapela, Garcia.

S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Perruso, Morikawa, co-chairs; Chun, Kapela, Kila, Garcia.

Hse. Com. No. 775, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Garrett, co-chairs; Kitagawa, Lamosao, Alcos.

S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Tarnas, chair; Ganaden, Takayama, Souza.

S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Marten, Belatti, Takenouchi, co-chairs; Kila, Lamosao, Garcia.

Hse. Com. No. 776, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Cochran, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Nakamura, Souza.

H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Todd, Takenouchi, Nishimoto, co-chairs; Chun, La Chica, Garcia.

H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Poepoe, co-chairs; M. Mizuno, Nakamura, Ward.

Hse. Com. No. 777, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, co-chairs; Lamosao, Alcos.

H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Tarnas, Morikawa, co-chairs; Lamosao, Souza.

H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Garrett, co-chairs; Kitagawa, Lamosao, Alcos.

Hse. Com. No. 778, informing the Senate that on April 18, 2024, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 340, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Tam, Tarnas, co-chairs; Kapela, Martinez, Alcos.

H.B. No. 346, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Lowen, Nakashima, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Garrett, Lamosao, Ward.

H.B. No. 1132, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Hashem, Chun, co-chairs; Lamosao, M. Mizuno, Souza.

H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Marten, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Amato, Takenouchi, Garcia.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3881) recommending that H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3881 and H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR CONSTRUCTION, USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF STEPS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators McKelvey and Chang, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3882) recommending that H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3882 and H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO AMEND OR ADOPT ORDINANCES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S RULES REGARDING RESIDENTIAL INCOME REQUIREMENTS AND AFFORDABILITY TERMS ON HOUSING PROJECTS OR SUBSIDIZE ANY RESULTING REVENUE SHORTFALL TO THE HOUSING PROJECT," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators McKelvey and Chang, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3883) recommending that H.C.R. No. 122 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3883 and H.C.R. No. 122, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO AMEND OR ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, OR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON PARCELS THAT MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators Gabbard and Keohokalole, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3884) recommending that H.C.R. No. 161 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3884 and H.C.R. No. 161, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RELEVANT STATE LAWS GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL-BASED COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators Aquino and McKelvey, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3885) recommending that H.C.R. No. 29 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3885 and H.C.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

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. 3886) recommending that H.C.R. No. 81 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3886 and H.C.R. No. 81, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 15, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, TO CLARIFY THAT COMPENSATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES UNDER THE STATE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW IS DISTINCT FROM COMPENSATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES AND SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3887) recommending that H.C.R. No. 80 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3887 and H.C.R. No. 80, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOB POSTINGS AND PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the majority of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3888) recommending that H.C.R. No. 196, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3888 and H.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO CONSULT BENEFICIARIES OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT REGARDING ALTERNATIVE WAITLIST AND AWARD PRIORITIZATION BASED ON LINEAL AND GENERATIONAL DESCENDANCY FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LOCATED IN HANA, MAUI," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3889) recommending that H.C.R. No. 131 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3889 and H.C.R. No. 131, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A TEN-YEAR PLAN TO SATISFY HAWAII'S HOUSING DEMAND," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3890) recommending that H.C.R. No. 84, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3890 and H.C.R. No. 84, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER PATHWAY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS SEEKING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE LAWS AND RULES," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3891) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Disability and Communication Access Board of the following:

GERALD ISOBE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 666; and

GERALD OHTA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 677.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3891 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 666 and 677 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3892) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators of the following:

WILLIAM WHALEY, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 672;

IAN ICHIMURA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 673; and

ZHAOHUI WANG, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 674.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3892 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 672, 673, and 674 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3893) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HANNAH PRESTON-PITA to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 548.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3893 and Gov. Msg. No. 548 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3894) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TRISHA KAJIMURA to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 551.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3894 and Gov. Msg. No. 551 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3895) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RAHNIA BOYER to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 553.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3895 and Gov. Msg. No. 553 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3896) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHERIE CHU to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 554.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3896 and Gov. Msg. No. 554 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3897) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WENDY BOTELHO-CORTEZ to the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 670.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3897 and Gov. Msg. No. 670 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3898) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHAEL CHINA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 695.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3898 and Gov. Msg. No. 695 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3899) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MIKI'ALA LIDSTONE to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kalaeloa District), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 696.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3899 and Gov. Msg. No. 696 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3900) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GLENN YAMASAKI KIMURA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Pulehunui District), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 697.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3900 and Gov. Msg. No. 697 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3901) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Land Use Commission of the following:

MYLES MIYASATO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 698; and

KEN HAYASHIDA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 699.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3901 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 698 and 699 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Inouye, for the majority of the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3902) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RYAN KANAKA'OLE as Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 594.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3902 and Gov. Msg. No. 594 was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3862 (Gov. Msg. No. 685):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3862 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BLAKE OSHIRO to the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, term to expire June 30, 2027 (board name amended to Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation by Gov. Msg. No. 690), seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3863 (Gov. Msg. No. 526):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3863 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SHAWN MERRILL to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3864 (Gov. Msg. No. 591):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3864 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES GASHEL to the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3865 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 527, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, and 664):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3865 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission of the following:

SANDY HARJO-LIVINGSTON, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 527);

KATHLEEN O'DELL, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 659);

MICHAEL GOLOJUCH, JR., term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 660);

SHANDA LEWIS, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 661);

RICHARD VELASQUEZ, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 662);

PHILLIP STEINBACHER, term to expire June 30, 2028 (nominee's name amended to PHILIP STEINBACHER by Gov. Msg. No. 692) (Gov. Msg. No. 663); and

JOE TOLBE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 664),

seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Senator Rhoads introduced the following newly confirmed members of boards and commissions who were present in the gallery: former House of Representatives colleague Blake Oshiro of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation and National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii advocate James Gashel of the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee, who was accompanied by his wife, Susan. Senator Rhoads also recognized the newly confirmed members of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission who were seated in the gallery: Dr. Sandy Harjo-Livingston, Dr. Kathleen O'Dell, Michael Golojuch, Jr., and Richard Velasquez from the City and County of Honolulu; and Philip Steinbacher from the County of Kaua'i. Senator Rhoads then acknowledged Shanda Lewis, representing the Department of Health's Sexual and General Minority Work Group; and Joe Tolbe from the County of Maui, newly confirmed members of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission who were watching via live stream.

Senator Kanuha welcomed constituents Aunty Kawehi Inaba and Marie Louis, from La'i'ōpua 2020, who were present in the gallery.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3866 (H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING WITHIN THE WAIPAHAU COMMUNITY AND URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF

HONOLULU, AND MILITARY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3867 (H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, INCLUDING RULES GOVERNING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3868 (H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, EXTENDING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND ADDING ADDITIONAL RECESS DAYS," was adopted, with Senators Inouye, Keohokalole, Kim, and San Buenaventura voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3869 (H.C.R. No. 77):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 77, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISH A LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL MANAGERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT," was adopted, with Senator Awa voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3870 (H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3871 (H.C.R. No. 143):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 143, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND JUDICIARY TO PRIORITIZE ENSURING THAT CONTRACTS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES ARE ADEQUATELY RESOURCED TO COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3872 (H.C.R. No. 171, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 171, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING DECEASED DOGS AND CATS FROM PUBLIC ROADWAYS TO CHECK FOR, SCAN, AND RECORD THE MICROCHIP OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT, IF ANY, AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION; AND TIMELY NOTIFY COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES OR ANIMAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT,

INCLUDING THE RECORDED INFORMATION,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3873 (H.C.R. No. 140, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 140, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIDDERS TO PERFORM THEIR OWN ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY THAT DETERMINES WHETHER A DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE STATE AND RESPECTIVE COUNTY,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3874 (H.C.R. No. 198, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 198, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAWS TO REDUCE GHOST NETS ENTERING THE STATE FROM INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS TO REDUCE MARINE DEBRIS FROM FISHING GEAR,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3875 (H.C.R. No. 9):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 9, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HEEIA, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3876 (H.C.R. No. 10, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 10, H.D. 2, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING BOAT RAMP AND CONCRETE WALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3877 (H.C.R. No. 11, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 11, H.D. 2, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIALAE-IKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING REVETMENT, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3878 (H.C.R. No. 12, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 12, H.D. 2, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A

TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING CONCRETE BOAT RAMP, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3879 (H.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 2, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HAUULA, KOOLAULO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING RIPRAP REVETMENT, RAMP, AND ROCK GROIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3880 (H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 2, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAALAEA BEACH LOTS, WAIKAPU, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON,” was adopted.

FINAL READING

S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, H.D. 2:

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDING ORDERS,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following House concurrent resolutions that were received:

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

H.C.R. No. 91, Committee on Health and Human Services
H.D. 1

H.C.R. No. 94, Committee on Health and Human Services
H.D. 2

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1.

Senator Rhoads moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 9, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Rhoads noted:

“On S.B. 2487, there are some substantive changes that were made in the House. I think they’re reasonable and I believe that the majority of the membership will support them, but let me just highlight them quickly: It’ll increase the amount of marijuana that will be decriminalized in a violation with a fine or community service to one ounce or less of marijuana, also increases the threshold amount for the second degree offense of promoting a detrimental drug to two ounces of pakalolo, and it will make smoking pakalolo in a public place a violation and will also exempt the possession of certain drug paraphernalia for pakalolo from certain penalties and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARIJUANA,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Monday, April 22, 2024.

S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 9, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Rhoads noted:

“For S.B. 2706, this had been turned into a task force. The House made some additions to the task force membership and changed the objectives a little bit, but it’s essentially the same bill that came over from the Senate. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Monday, April 22, 2024.

S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Chang moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 15, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Chang then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Chang noted:

“The House amendments were merely technical and nonsubstantive in nature.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND THE PRIORITY FOR WHICH LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS ARE ALLOCATED AND MONIES IN THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND ARE USED AND ADOPT CERTAIN

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT INCENTIVIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Monday, April 22, 2024.

At this time, Senator Gabbard offered congratulations to Senator Ihara, who was celebrating his 73rd birthday. Senator Gabbard noted that Senator Ihara had first been elected to the House of Representatives in 1987, where he served for eight years before being elected to the Senate in 1995.

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file committee reports on amended House concurrent resolutions in order to meet Monday’s Second Crossover deadline is 4:30 p.m. today. The Senate Floor Action Memo issued this evening will include a list of all resolutions scheduled for adoption on Monday.”

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 458, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 458, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, Kim, Inouye, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 459, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 459, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, Keohokalole, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Hashimoto, Keohokalole, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators McKelvey, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Elefante as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Richards, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Rhoads, Richards, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Elefante, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2600 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2600, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Fukunaga, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2601 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2601, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Gabbard, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Shimabukuro, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Kidani, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Fukunaga, Moriawaki, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Lee, Shimabukuro, co-chairs; Elefante, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2831, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2831, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hashimoto, chair; Kidani, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Aquino, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Dela Cruz, co-chair; Elefante as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; DeCoite, Wakai, Rhoads, Fukunaga, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1912, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1912, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Lee, co-chair; Elefante, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Elefante, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Shimabukuro, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Richards, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads,

co-chair; Fukunaga, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Fukunaga, co-chair; McKelvey as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Fukunaga, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President appointed Senator Shimabukuro as manager on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Lee, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; San Buenaventura, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; McKelvey, Keohokalole, Wakai, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; DeCoite, Wakai, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fukunaga, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Hashimoto, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried unanimously, the Senate authorized the Clerk to receive standing committee reports on amended House concurrent resolutions to be placed on the calendar for adoption. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 11:50 a.m., the Senate took the following actions on the following House concurrent resolutions and standing committee reports:

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3903) recommending that H.C.R. No. 205 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3903 and H.C.R. No. 205, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3904) recommending that H.C.R. No. 172, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3904 and H.C.R. No. 172, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO PATIENT TRANSFER AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EVALUATE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3905) recommending that H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3905 and H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF EACH COUNTY, HUMANE SOCIETIES IN EACH COUNTY, AND MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO COLLABORATE TO CREATE AND DISSEMINATE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE DANGERS OF, AND ADVOCATE AGAINST THE USE OF, ILLEGAL FIREWORKS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, PETS, AND WILDLIFE," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3906) recommending that H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3906 and H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR ROCKFALL MITIGATION IN MOANALUA GARDENS AND MOANALUA VALLEY, OAHU," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3907) recommending that H.C.R. No. 160, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3907 and H.C.R. No. 160, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN INCARCERATED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators Wakai and Rhoads, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3908) recommending that H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3908 and H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF XYLAZINE TESTING STRIPS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3909) recommending that H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3909 and H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3910) recommending that H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3910 and H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES FOR NURSE STAFFING IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3911) recommending that H.C.R. No. 184 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3911 and H.C.R. No. 184, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

TO COLLABORATE WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE TO CONVENE THE HAWAII CREATIVE INNOVATION GROUP," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3912) recommending that H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3912 and H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3913) recommending that H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3913 and H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3914) recommending that H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3914 and H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENTS AND PAYMENTS TO HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES PROVIDERS," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3915) recommending that H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3915 and H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT RATE FOR HAWAII'S COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES AND EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR MEDICAID CLIENTS IN 2032 AND EVERY TEN YEARS THEREAFTER," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

Senators Lee and McKelvey, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3916) recommending that H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3916 and H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO TRANSFER TO THE

STATE THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S
AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT A MAKAKILO DRIVE
EXTENSION," was deferred until Monday, April 22, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday,
April 22, 2024.