

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

At this time, Senator Elefante noted that visitors representing the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth Council, under the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, were at the Capitol for National Take Down Tobacco Day, a national day of action. Senator Elefante thanked Saya Shibata and Scott Stensrud and acknowledged representatives from schools throughout the state, who were wearing pink shirts. Seated in the gallery were students from Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i; Honoka'a High & Intermediate School; Kohala High School; Kauai High School; Kamehameha Schools Kapālama; Kealakehe Intermediate School; Pa'auilo Elementary & Intermediate School; Kanu o ka 'Āina Charter School, from Hawai'i Island; Chiefess Kamakāhelei Middle School, from Kaua'i; Seabury Hall; Maui High School; Molokai Middle School; Kalani High School; Punahou School; Damien Memorial School; Pearl City High School; Hawai'i Pacific University; Kalāheo High School; University Laboratory School; and Moanalua High School. Senator Elefante requested that the names of the students, chaperones, and coordinators be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

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Senator DeCoite welcomed Douglas Boyer, principal of Lāna'i High and Elementary School; and Rebecca Winkie, complex area superintendent for Hāna–Lahainaluna–Lāna–i–Moloka'i, who were present in the gallery.

Senator DeCorte introduced Dr. Kolehua Krug, a leader in education, along with the haumāna of Ka Waihona o Ka Na'auao Public Charter School. Senator DeCorte explained that Ka Waihona was not just a school but a community dedicated to nurturing future leaders while honoring the rich cultural heritage of Hawai'i and its kūpuna. Senator DeCorte noted that under Dr. Krug's guidance, Ka Waihona had integrated 'ike Hawai'i into its curriculum and that the school's commitment to educational excellence intertwined with cultural stewardship was a model for all. Seated in the gallery were Po'okumu Dr. Kolehua Krug, Hope Po'okumu Richard Naho'opi'i, Hope Po'okumu Misipati Karapani, student services coordinator April Kalt, counselor Hakaleleponi Nāpū'elua, kumu Pumehana Henderson De Ramos, kumu Rochelle Kane, kumu Kamalei Krug, kumu Ka'ula Krug, kumu Leleapā'o Krug, kumu Leonani Nāho'oikaika-Medeiros, and haumāna. Senator DeCorte then acknowledged members of her staff who were present in the gallery: office manager Malia Agustin, whose family had resided in Nānākuli Homestead for five generations; Bronson Meyers, whose family had long resided in Wai'anae Valley Homestead and Nānākuli Homestead; and legislative aide Nia Tafoti.

Senator Kidani congratulated and recognized an award-winning principal, assistant principals, State Counselor of the Year, and school leaders and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator DeCoite rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Dela Cruz rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Rhoads rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Kidani rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair commented that among those staffing the HSTA booth was Sarah “Mili” Milianta-Laffin, a teacher at Ilima Intermediate School who, with her students, had come to the Capitol in 2020 and 2021 before succeeding in 2022 in getting \$2 million in funding from the Legislature for the Ma'i Movement. The Chair noted that Ms. Milianta-Laffin continued to be active in education-related issues and that members would find it fascinating to talk to her.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 739 and 740) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 739, letter dated March 18, 2025, correcting the role of the nominee under Gov. Msg. No. 733 (role amended to Chairperson), was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 740, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the nomination of JANET SATO, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 383) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 383, informing the Senate that on March 18, 2025, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 103 (S.D. 1).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1139) recommending that H.B. No. 396, H.D. 1, S.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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 396, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1140)

recommending that H.B. No. 398, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1141) recommending that H.B. No. 399, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1142) recommending that H.B. No. 401, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 401, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," 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. 1143) recommending that H.B. No. 560, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 560, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," 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. 1144) recommending that H.B. No. 1174, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1174, 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 San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1145) recommending that H.B. No. 700, 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 700, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and 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. 1146) recommending that H.B. No. 713, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH 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. 1147) recommending that H.B. No. 784, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 784, H.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. 1148) recommending that H.B. No. 1462, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1462, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS 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. 1149) recommending that H.B. No. 1477, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1477, 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. 1150) recommending that H.B. No. 212, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 212, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," 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. 1151) recommending that H.B. No. 213, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 213, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS," 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. 1152) recommending that H.B. No. 303, 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 Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE PRECEPTORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1153) recommending that H.B. No. 341, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER," 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. 1154) recommending that H.B. No. 692, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Elefante and Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1155) recommending that H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, 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 DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1156), recommending that S.C.R. No. 26 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 26, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE NEW OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN HALAWA, TO INCLUDE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES AND ESTABLISH A RELEASE PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH DETAINEES OR INMATES, UPON RELEASE, ARE TRANSPORTED TO A SITE OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL

COMMUNITIES OR PUBLIC SPACES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1157) recommending that H.B. No. 164, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 164, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE," 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. 1158) recommending that H.B. No. 477, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1159) recommending that H.B. No. 133, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 133, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SURFING," 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. 1160) recommending that H.B. No. 429, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 429, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," 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. 1161) recommending that H.B. No. 961, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 961, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1162) recommending that H.B. No. 256, 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 DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL

PROTECTION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1163) recommending that H.B. No. 734, 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 DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 734, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1164) recommending that H.B. No. 735, 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 DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 735, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1165) recommending that H.B. No. 990, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 990, 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.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1166) recommending that H.B. No. 48, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 48, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1167) recommending that H.B. No. 782, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 782, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1168) recommending that H.B. No. 1237, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY,” 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. 1169) recommending that H.B. No. 202, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 202, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND,” 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. 1170) recommending that H.B. No. 214, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 214, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,” 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. 1171) recommending that H.B. No. 423, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 423, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS’ COMPENSATION,” 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. 1172) recommending that H.B. No. 430, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1173) recommending that H.B. No. 534, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator DeCoite, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1174) recommending that H.B. No. 650, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA SALT PRODUCTS," 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. 1175) recommending that H.B. No. 874, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 874, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PERFORMERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators DeCoite and Kim, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1176) recommending that H.B. No. 1494, 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 DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1494, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1177) recommending that H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 21, 2025.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1137 (S.C.R. No. 20):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 20, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY REEVALUATE ITS POLICIES REGARDING IN-PERSON CONTACT VISITATION AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO BEST SUPPORT INCARCERATED PERSONS IN STAYING CONNECTED WITH LOVED ONES WHO CAN HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY OF REHABILITATION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1138 (S.C.R. No. 21):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 21, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF

CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY STAFF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE CLINICAL COUNSELING SERVICES THAT ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INMATES," was adopted.

At this time, Senator Moriwaki welcomed Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, who was visiting Hawai'i. Accompanying him in the gallery was Ian Ross, with the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Senator DeCorte recognized two constituents who were in attendance for National Take Down Tobacco Day and were seated in the gallery: Malia-Lehua Ball and Jamie Lyn Agor.

The Chair commented that he had participated in a one-day seminar with honoree Joseph Passantino and had been impressed with his passion for education. The Chair added that he had been so impressed, he had recognized Principal Passantino when they had ridden the same elevator that morning. The Chair stated that he was not surprised to see Principal Passantino on the Senate floor that day.

The Chair then requested that members of the Majority report to the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment and the greeting of honored guests.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:58 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025.