

NINTH DAY

Thursday, January 30, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:34 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Eighth Day.

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura welcomed Judge Robert Kim, administrative judge for the Third Circuit, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator DeCoite introduced members of her staff who were present in the gallery: Jessie Kalahui, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session; office manager Eseta Malufau; legislative aide Richard Oshiro; and Thomas Gomes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 8) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

S.C.R. No. 8 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS OF INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION."

Offered by: Senator Fevella

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 4) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

S.R. No. 4 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS OF INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION."

Offered by: Senator Fevella

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.B. No. 946.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

"The reason for such waiver was that S.B. No. 946 was inadvertently left off the original hearing notice."

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator San Buenaventura announced that the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment would be holding a public hearing on the measure the following day at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

Senator Kanuha rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"Colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Konowaena High School Wahine Wildcat girls basketball team for their outstanding victory in last night's Big Island

Interscholastic Federation championship game. With this win, the Wahine Wildcats improved to an impressive 21-3 record overall and set their sights on capturing, hopefully, their sixth state championship, which, hopefully, will be a record for Hawai'i's public schools. Best of luck to Coach Bobbie Awa and the Wahine Wildcats as they continue their pursuit of excellence."

The Chair noted that, due to the weather, the Hawaii High School Athletic Association's girls soccer championships had relocated that day's games to fields with artificial turf and expressed his hope that all athletes would be able to participate.

The Chair then announced that he had weather-related information to share with the Senate and requested that all members, along with the Majority Attorney and Chief Clerk, report to the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:39 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.