

ELEVENTH DAY

Monday, February 3, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:42 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

At this time, Senator Dela Cruz introduced staff members of the Committee on Ways and Means: David Cho, AsherRay Palomares, Diana Setness, Fabian Respicio, Aimee Wakai, and Kristie Castillo from the bills office; and Colin Peros, Kristen Hernandez, Leanne Chung, Joseph Kopshy, Holland Morris, Lottie Davis, and Kathy Sokugawa from the budget office.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that S.B. No. 996, 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 S.B. No. 996, 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.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5) recommending that S.B. No. 65, 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 S.B. No. 65, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6) recommending that S.B. No. 38, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 38, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 7) recommending that S.B. No. 70, 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 S.B. No. 70, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 8) recommending that S.B. No. 25 pass Second Reading and 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.B. No. 25, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REFERRAL OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of Senate concurrent resolutions offered on Thursday, January 23, 2025; and Thursday, January 30, 2025:

- S.C.R. No.: Referred to:
- S.C.R. No. 2 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
- S.C.R. No. 3 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.C.R. No. 4 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.C.R. No. 5 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.C.R. No. 6 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.C.R. No. 7 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.C.R. No. 8 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

REFERRAL OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

The President made the following committee assignment of a Senate resolution offered on Thursday, January 30, 2025:

- S.R. No.: Referred to:
- S.R. No. 4 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

- S.B. No.: Re-referred to:
- S.B. No. 1532 Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 1607 Committee on Judiciary

At this time, Senator Kim rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I just want to thank Senator from Wahiawā for these eggs. Actually, I went to the store to buy some and there weren’t any, and so thank you—appreciate it.”

The Chair commented that, currently, the eggs were apparently a gift more precious than gold.

Senator Fevella thanked the senator from Wahiawā and requested, in good humor, that the Sergeant-at-Arms escort him to his office as he carried the eggs.

Senator Awa noted that the eggs had come from his district and that a bill from a previous session that would have shut down concentrated animal feeding operations would have

prevented the eggs from being produced. Senator Awa expressed his gladness that the measure had been killed.

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

“I wanted to ask the senator from Kahuku side: Since you don’t take no gifts, I would gladly take your eggs. Thank you.”

The Chair noted, in good humor, that the eggs were apparently a product of the district and would not fall under that category.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025.