

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:35 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

At this time, Senator Elefante introduced members of his staff who were seated in the gallery: Faith Quintua, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session; Jan Salcedo; and Taylor Sayles. Accompanying Ms. Quintua was her brother Oliver Dollman, who was from New York and was visiting Hawai'i for the first time.

The Chair noted that Ms. Quintua had shared that Mr. Dollman lived in Upstate New York, where it was very cold and which was buried in snow.

Senator DeCoite recognized Island School fifth graders, along with their teachers and chaperones, who were present in the gallery and visiting from Kaua'i.

The Chair commented that his office would work with Representative Luke A. Evslin to get the names of the Island School visitors to the Chief Clerk for entry into the Journal.

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

"Students KEAOLEWA ARMITAGE, LOGAN BOWERS, LEIANA DABIN-GREEN, HANNAH DICKSTEIN, ALIA EVSLIN, KAILEA FUJIOKA, AMMON HOWARD, LYNDEE INANOD, JAX JAVELLANA, KAMREN KA'AIHUE, PAIGE KAKUTANI, KAIMALINO MEDEIROS, BO MENTZER, SIDVIK PALERU, KILINAHE SMITH, SAMI TABUCHI, ALEXANDRA TZENG, KALEB YOUNG, XANDER ALLARD, ELIJAH AOUN, NALU BALOGH, DEVON BODINE, OLEIX CABADING-XUE, KIANA CARVALHO, SULLIVAN CHAR, CHARLOTTE ERICKSSON-CLAY, AYVA GONSALVES, ANNA LAGATHER, SOFIA MARTINEZ, MARCUS MOKEDDEM, KATHRYN OKHMAN, MAKALI'I PUNZAL, LUNA TEMPLEMAN, MANOAH TEVES, and HOLEI WANN-KELIHOOMALU.

"Chaperones Nanea Sproat-Armitage, Marissa Evslin, Jen Pomroy, Chelise Ka'aihue, Terri Kakutani, Jonathan Medeiros, Keala Wann, Colleen Bass, Kaira Kupihea, Olena Okhman, Brity Punzal, Antone Teves, and Lei Wann.

"Teachers Caitlin Ka'aihue, Hilary Viohl, Kara Swink, and Saebre Kaleiohi."

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 721 to 723) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 721, informing the Senate that on March 10, 2025, the Governor withdrew the nomination of SHANA KUKILA to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i, under Gov. Msg. No. 504, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 721, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 504 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 722, informing the Senate that on March 10, 2025, the Governor withdrew the nomination of JO-ANN

ADAMS to the Civil Rights Commission, under Gov. Msg. No. 589, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 722, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 589 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 723, letter dated March 10, 2025, correcting the term of the nominee under Gov. Msg. No. 714 (term to expire amended to June 30, 2026), was placed on file.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 380) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 380, transmitting H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 10, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REFERRAL OF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of Senate concurrent resolutions offered on Tuesday, March 4, 2025; Thursday, March 6, 2025; and Friday, March 7, 2025:

S.C.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.C.R. No. 32	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 33	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 34	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 35	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Health and Human Services
S.C.R. No. 36	Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 37	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 38	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 39	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 40	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
S.C.R. No. 41	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 42	Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 43	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary

S.C.R. No. 44	Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	S.C.R. No. 74	Committee on Health and Human Services
S.C.R. No. 45	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary	S.C.R. No. 75	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 46	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 76	Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 47	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 77	Committee on Housing
S.C.R. No. 48	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.C.R. No. 78	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Health and Human Services
S.C.R. No. 49	Committee on Education	S.C.R. No. 79	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 50	Committee on Higher Education	S.C.R. No. 80	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Higher Education
S.C.R. No. 51	Committee on Water and Land	S.C.R. No. 81	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 52	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.C.R. No. 82	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 53	Committee on Government Operations	S.C.R. No. 83	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 54	Committee on Water and Land	S.C.R. No. 84	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 55	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.C.R. No. 85	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.C.R. No. 56	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.C.R. No. 86	Committee on Health and Human Services
S.C.R. No. 57	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	S.C.R. No. 87	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 58	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Health and Human Services	S.C.R. No. 88	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 59	Committee on Water and Land	S.C.R. No. 89	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Higher Education
S.C.R. No. 60	Committee on Housing	S.C.R. No. 90	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
S.C.R. No. 61	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism	S.C.R. No. 91	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 62	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 92	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
S.C.R. No. 63	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.C.R. No. 93	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 64	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.C.R. No. 94	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 65	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism	S.C.R. No. 95	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 66	Committee on Education	S.C.R. No. 96	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 67	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.C.R. No. 97	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 68	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts	S.C.R. No. 98	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
S.C.R. No. 69	Committee on Health and Human Services	S.C.R. No. 99	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.C.R. No. 70	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection		
S.C.R. No. 71	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 72	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health and Human Services		
S.C.R. No. 73	Committee on Health and Human Services		

S.C.R. No. 100	Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 19	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 101	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 20	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 102	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Higher Education	S.R. No. 21	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 103	Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 22	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 104	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 23	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.C.R. No. 105	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 24	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
S.C.R. No. 106	Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 25	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.C.R. No. 107	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 26	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.C.R. No. 108	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 27	Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 109	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism	S.R. No. 28	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.C.R. No. 110	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 29	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 111	Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 30	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 112	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 31	Committee on Education
S.C.R. No. 113	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 32	Committee on Higher Education
S.C.R. No. 114	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health and Human Services	S.R. No. 33	Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 115	Committee on Agriculture and Environment	S.R. No. 34	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 116	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 35	Committee on Government Operations
S.C.R. No. 117	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Education	S.R. No. 36	Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 118	Committee on Health and Human Services	S.R. No. 37	Committee on Labor and Technology
S.C.R. No. 119	Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 38	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
S.C.R. No. 120	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 39	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
		S.R. No. 40	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
		S.R. No. 41	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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S.R. No. 18	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts	S.R. No. 43	Committee on Water and Land
		S.R. No. 44	Committee on Education
		S.R. No. 45	Committee on Housing
		S.R. No. 46	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

S.R. No. 47	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 75	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
S.R. No. 48	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.R. No. 76	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.R. No. 49	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.R. No. 77	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.R. No. 50	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism	S.R. No. 78	Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
S.R. No. 51	Committee on Labor and Technology	S.R. No. 79	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
S.R. No. 52	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts	S.R. No. 80	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
S.R. No. 53	Committee on Health and Human Services	S.R. No. 81	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.R. No. 54	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	S.R. No. 82	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
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S.R. No. 56	Committee on Health and Human Services	S.R. No. 84	Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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S.R. No. 58	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 86	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
S.R. No. 59	Committee on Water and Land	S.R. No. 87	Committee on Water and Land
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S.R. No. 71	Committee on Agriculture and Environment		
S.R. No. 72	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Higher Education		
S.R. No. 73	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism		
S.R. No. 74	Committee on Agriculture and Environment		

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

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

H.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
H.B. No. 309, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 826, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 3	Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 1449, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office 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., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.