

NINTH DAY

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

The Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1999, convened at 11:37 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Pastor Brad McDaniel, Mililani Missionary Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Iwase and Matsuura who were excused.

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

At 11:39 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:41 o'clock a.m.

At this time, the following student "shadows" were introduced:

Senator Buen introduced Tasha Coppa from Baldwin High School;

Senator Kanno introduced Anna Marie Isidro and Dominic Domingo from Ilima Intermediate School;

Senator Taniguchi introduced Nicole Apilando from Roosevelt High School;

Senator Sakamoto introduced Audrey Marks from Moanalua High School; and

Senator Fukunaga introduced Holli Sato from Roosevelt High School.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Msg. No. 141, dated January 27, 1999, transmitting the 1998 Compliance Resolution Fund Annual Report prepared by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs pursuant to Section 26-9, HRS, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senators Fukunaga and Levin, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that H.B. No. 85, 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 Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 85, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 4, 1999.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 88 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 131 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 146 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 194 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 803 Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1253 Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1331 Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary

No. 1598 Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary

Senator Taniguchi, co-chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, requested a waiver of the 72-hour Notice of a Public Hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 20 on S.B. No. 841, and the Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Kanno, co-chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, requested a waiver of the 72-hour Notice of a Public Hearing pursuant to Senate Rule 20 on S.B. No. 1238, and the Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Slom rose on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

"Some of us may have heard or seen a report that just came out yesterday on management, rating all 50 states, produced by Syracuse University, the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, in conjunction with Governing magazine. In the report card for Hawaii, the overall grade was C-. And some of the things that the survey showed, in relation to our State, I think we need to take to heart because we're always talking in this body about more money. And obviously, our problem is much more deeply seeded than money. It is a question of leadership and a question of management. And that's what this government performance project survey revealed.

"For an overall financial management grade of C-, the report said, 'Largely as a result of its free-spending history and its current problems, Hawaii has one of the highest debt loads in the country, compared with personal income. The current \$1 billion capital budget will bring debt still higher. Not surprisingly, there is no "rainy day" fund though the Administration is proposing one.'

"Under capital management the grade was a little better -- B-, under human resources -- C-; the area of managing for results -- C-. And the report said, 'Hawaii and all its agencies develop strategic plans. However, the statewide plan tends to have goals about as contentious as motherhood and pineapple pie. There are no specific measures in the state plan and it doesn't dovetail with the budget.'

"And finally, Mr. President, in the performance project they gave the category of information technology, which we're always talking about and bragging about, a grade of F -- the lowest in the nation.

"Now, people have different responses to these grades, as other people see us, but I think it's time that we pay attention to what we are not doing and correct those things and, again, look at the area of leadership and management, rather than just trying to throw money at some of our problems, or blaming the Asian economy for the failures that we've made.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

At 11:50 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:52 o'clock a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 1999.