

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Thursday, March 16, 2000

The Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2000, convened at 11:36 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Edgar Avila, Pastor, Moanalua Community Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Bunda and Iwase who were excused.

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

At 11:41 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:42 o'clock a.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

Senator Tam, in recognizing National Brain Awareness Week and Hawaii Brain Awareness Volunteer Recognition Day, introduced Dr. James F. Craine, chairperson of the board of the Craine Institute of Neuropsychology Community-based Healthcare, and recognized him for his dedication, community leadership, and contributions to health care. Senator Tam also introduced Dr. William Wood, a recipient of the prestigious Vikki Lianne Moritsugu Public Health Leadership Award, and recognized him for his outstanding work in championing the causes of brain injury and organ donation programs.

At 11:48 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:56 o'clock a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Fukunaga and Levin, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2792) recommending that S.C.R. No. 12 be adopted.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 12, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADOPTING KEY COMMUNITY OUTCOMES OF WELL-BEING FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII," was adopted.

Senator Nakata, for the Committee on Labor and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2793) recommending that H.B. No. 2895, H.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2895, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kanno and Taniguchi, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2794) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of KENNETH R. JOYNER, LANCE M. MARUGAME and RICHARD Y. MITSUMORI to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 150.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2794 and Gov. Msg. No. 150 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Kanno and Taniguchi, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2795) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROBERT E. KLEIN, D.C., to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 151.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2795 and Gov. Msg. No. 151 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Kanno and Taniguchi, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2796) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BARTON M. SAXTON to the Credit Union Advisory Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 154.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2796 and Gov. Msg. No. 154 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Kanno and Taniguchi, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2797) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GERALD M. YAMAMOTO to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 157.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2797 and Gov. Msg. No. 157 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Kanno and Taniguchi, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2798) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of RONALD Y. FUJIMOTO, D.O., DAVID T. LEE, D.O., and PATRICIA L. BLANCHETTE, M.D., to the Board of Medical Examiners, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 166.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2798 and Gov. Msg. No. 166 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Chumbley and Matsunaga, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2799) recommending that the Senate consent to the nomination of BARBARA P. RICHARDSON to the office of Judge, District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, and in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2799 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Chumbley and Matsunaga, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2800) recommending that the Senate consent to the nomination of ALEY K. AUNA, JR., to the office of Judge, District Family Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of six years, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, and in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 2.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2800 and Jud. Com. No. 2 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

Senators Chumbley and Matsunaga, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2801) recommending that the Senate consent to the nomination of TERENCE T. YOSHIOKA to the office of Judge, District

Family Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of six years, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, and in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 3.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2801 and Jud. Com. No. 3 was deferred until Friday, March 17, 2000.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REFERRAL OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair made the following committee assignments of concurrent resolutions that were offered on Wednesday, March 15, 2000:

Senate
Concurrent
Resolution

Referred to:

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| No. 118 | Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 133 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 119 | Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 134 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 120 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 135 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 121 | Committee on Ways and Means | No. 136 | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 122 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 137 | Committee on Government Operations and Housing |
| No. 123 | Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Judiciary | No. 138 | Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 124 | Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs | No. 139 | Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 125 | Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 140 | Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs |
| No. 126 | Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 141 | Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 127 | Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and Housing and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 142 | Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 128 | Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 143 | Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 129 | Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 144 | Committee on Judiciary |
| No. 130 | Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 145 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 131 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 146 | Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 132 | Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 147 | Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 148 | Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 149 | Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 150 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 151 | Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 152 | Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 153 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 154 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 155 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 156 | Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |

- No. 157 Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 158 Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 159 Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 160 Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 161 Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 162 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 163 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 164 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 165 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 166 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Education and Technology
- No. 167 Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 168 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
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- No. 171 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 172 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 173 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 174 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 175 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 176 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 177 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 178 Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 179 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
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- No. 183 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 184 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 185 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 186 Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 187 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 188 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 189 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 190 Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 191 Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 192 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 193 Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 194 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 195 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 196 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 197 Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- No. 198 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 199 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 200 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 201 Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 202 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 203 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 204	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 71	Committee on Judiciary
No. 205	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	No. 72	Committee on Judiciary
No. 206	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 73	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 207	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 74	Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 208	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 75	Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Judiciary
No. 209	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 76	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 210	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 77	Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 211	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary	No. 78	Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		No. 79	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The Chair made the following committee assignments of resolutions that were offered on Wednesday, March 15, 2000:

Senate Resolution	Referred to:	Senate Resolution	Referred to:
No. 59	Committee on Ways and Means	No. 81	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 60	Committee on Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 82	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 61	Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 83	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 62	Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 84	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 63	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 85	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 64	Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 86	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 65	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 87	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 66	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 88	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 67	Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs	No. 89	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 68	Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 90	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 69	Jointly to the Committee on Education and Technology and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 91	Committee on Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 70	Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	No. 92	Committee on Education and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		No. 93	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 94 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 95 Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 96 Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

No. 97 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Education and Technology

No. 98 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Labor and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 99 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

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

"Now that the referrals have become the property of the Senate, Mr. President, I would like to speak on a resolution that we introduced. The resolution has now been referred to committees.

"Being here for 20 years, I know the process. Your bills and your resolutions go to a committee, and ours never get heard. So for that reason, I wanted to read why I put in this particular Senate concurrent resolution.

"This resolution urges the media to commit itself anew to its own code of ethics and to abide by the discipline and responsibility inherent in the constitutional protections wisely granted to our freedom of speech and press. The reason we introduced this resolution is because I believe that over the years the press has become so powerful. I refer to all of the media -- printed media, radio, television, the like. People are afraid to speak their minds. They've taken away something that we hold dearly -- the freedom of speech, Mr. President.

"I believe that the group that authored the code of ethics wanted it where the people would not be afraid of what people and large companies and others would do to them. And that's why speech is protected under the Constitution of the United States. And under the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, we followed suit and enacted very similar language.

"The other day we were speaking on an issue, Mr. President, and I passed out copies of a particular issue at that time for Mr. Anzai's confirmation. I asked one of the people about the constitution and I made copies after we left that hearing because I didn't have it there and I put it on everybody's desk. And if the media was so interested, they would have asked what does this mean. But they weren't interested in the information I provided to my colleagues and the media.

"Also, I introduced this resolution because I'm tired of sending press releases and letters to the editor that are meaningful to the people of this state. Senator Slom and I sent out a release the other day. The governor of this state said there was an emergency at Waimea and he declared it such. The two Senate Republicans said let's act and not react but realize there's a problem. And according to the director of transportation, there are six other areas in this state that are likely to face the same problem. One of them happens to be Makapuu Point, Waimanalo. We've been working on this problem because it's going to impact on Senator Slom's district on the island and the senatorial district I represent. And it's going to impact on tourism and businesses and the community as a whole. My concerns have been shared with the community but it doesn't get printed because nobody cares.

"An article in the weekly -- good old Sam, one of the only two Republicans in the Senate, continues his high tax sucks, Sam eliminate taxes . . . it's called a pony show, more or less. And then it goes down here to say, 'speaking of silly, Republican Whitney Anderson, proponent for gambling.' It doesn't say one thing about a survey and a referendum that allows people to vote. It doesn't say that. It says that I'm a silly fool for introducing gambling legislation. It doesn't mention that I sent out a survey and we had one of the highest returns ever. Interestingly, a return response required the people to pay for their own stamp. Of the eighteen percent that responded, almost 82 percent said they wanted a chance to vote on the issue of gambling. It took us 20 years to find a referendum and it's only an advisory referendum, because the rest of you folks here don't want to give the people the vehicle for a direct voice. And that bothers me.

"Then this newest article printed while the Senate considered Mr. Anzai's confirmation says, 'Perhaps his hardest critic on the Judiciary Committee, Republican Senator Whitney Anderson said Anzai is doing a damn good job. But Anderson added, however, that he had philosophical differences.' Nobody cares about the philosophical differences that I have. They didn't ask, What are your philosophical differences? I shared them for the Margery Bronster confirmation and I'm doing the same with Anzai. Nobody cares, but they infringe on everybody's privacy or everybody's concerns here in this state. And those are the philosophical differences of Whitney Anderson. But it has nothing to do with Anzai.

"The article reads, 'Anderson, whose wife used to work for Bishop Estate, is a very close friend of Henry Peters, who's being indicted.' What the hell has that got to do with anybody being the attorney general of this state?

"It took me 11 years, ladies and gentlemen -- 11 years -- to get one bill passed in the House. And I worked on that for three years with the help of then Speaker of the House Henry Peters. And I've got some other information as far as since he's been with Bishop Estate. And I'll use it later when I'm ready, because I'm tired of people making believe they know what the hell's going on in this little four-square building that we live in and they don't live in the real world. They don't go out and get the information.

"There's another one, and this came to me because of my colleague, Senator Kawamoto, when they wrote against him. Everybody's great at writing against someone. They've busted up families, they've ruined them.

"I've told everybody here that I have two kids that work up at Kamehameha Schools. My daughter is a secretary for 16 teachers and she works because she has to work. My son-in-law, who worked for me for 16 years, no longer works for me because we closed my business. He's a graduate of St. Louis, went to the university and took up courses and is qualified for his current position, but has been turned down three times for promotions even though the bosses wanted him. He's blackballed because you keep reading junk about Whitney Anderson and Bishop Estate. So he doesn't get any promotions, even if the bosses want him.

"That's why I put in this type of a resolution. The media has a code of ethics. They are supposed to give people news. I checked the other day. We sent approximately 30 per year -- press releases, letters to the editor -- and maybe four gets printed, five at the most. And when does it get printed? Sometimes months after the issue. Even my wife tells me, 'What the hell is this? You're coming off the wall. You don't know what you're talking about. It's not the issue of the day.' Of course it's not! But that's why we put in bills and resolutions, my friends, good ones that are supposed to be helpful to the people of this state. And if they don't want to print something, that's fine, but then go to somebody else and

find out, Why is this selected for publication? What's happening here?

"You can leave Whitney Anderson out. Call me a dummy if you want to -- I don't care. I'm sick and tired of my family being dragged through the mud because you like to print something. If I vote against Mr. Anzai or for Mr. Anzai, that's me. That's from the information that I have gathered over years of working with the gentleman. It has nothing to do with Bishop Estate. It has nothing to do with Henry Peters. I vote my conscience. I always have. I speak my conscience.

"Most of the people are afraid to speak against the media. And you folks think that we don't see that all the cameras go off and the people stop writing. A friend of mine came home on a plane from the mainland and a news reporter said, 'We've got to get rid of Senator Anderson.' And he said, 'Ha?' And that got back to my wife and she told me. I really don't care what you think of Whitney Anderson, but you damn well better care what you're doing to the people of this state. Because it's not fair. You're not printing the news. You're not living up to your own ethics.

"Thank you very much, Mr. President, for the time."

Senator Buen also rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

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

"Yesterday, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the Mayor of Maui County declared there is a drought condition that exists in Upcountry Maui, and I understand that the Mayor of the Big Island also announced that there is a drought condition that exists in the districts of Hilo and Puna.

"This past weekend, I drove to Upcountry Maui, riding through Kula and on to Ulupalakua, and I was shocked. The beautiful green pasturelands were no longer green. It was brown for miles and miles. The cattle were searching for green grass to eat. There was none.

"For three years now, Maui's large and small farmers and ranchers have suffered drought conditions. Maui County's invaluable green environment has also suffered, with native species put at risk.

"Mr. President, yesterday, many farmers and ranchers from Maui flew to Oahu to testify in your Economic Development Committee, pleading for help from the legislature to pass H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 2. The purpose of the bill is to give tax incentives to agricultural landowners to construct water storage facilities. It will catch water during times of abundant rainfall and use it during times of drought and will provide solutions to help insure that they have adequate water resources available year-round.

"Your Committee on Economic Development, passed out H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 2, to the Ways and Means Committee with amendments that will give incentives to the small independent farmers as well. For West Maui, the bill will help Maui Pineapple Company to construct water storage facilities.

"The Maui farmers will be seeking help from the governor to plead with him to declare an emergency drought condition to give immediate relief. Right now there is a \$2 million capital improvement project to construct a water reservoir for Upcountry Maui that the governor is proposing to lapse. On behalf of the farmers, ranchers, and residents on Maui, I, too, am pleading with the governor to release these funds. For many years -- for many years -- the farmers have experienced tremendous hardships financially. They need help now.

"I ask the Senate and governor to support the timely and effective solution to this matter so the residents of Maui County

and other counties can be assured of adequate water resources in the short and long term.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:12 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, March 17, 2000.