

## SECOND DAY

**Thursday, January 17, 2002**

The Senate of the Twenty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2002, convened at 11:38 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Pastor Chuck Klingman, Father's House Christian Fellowship, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Menor who was excused.

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

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 1 and 2) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 1, transmitting H.C.R. No. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 16, 2002, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, H.C.R. No. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RECESS DAYS FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2002," was adopted.

Hse. Com. No. 2, transmitting H.C.R. No. 2, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 16, 2002, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, H.C.R. No. 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLED IN JOINT SESSION," was adopted.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 1 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH THE FELIX CONSENT DECREE."

Offered by: Senators Hanabusa, Slom, Chun, Matsuura, Kokubun, Buen, Sakamoto, Nakata, Ige, English, Chun Oakland, Fukunaga, Taniguchi.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Hanabusa, for the Joint Senate-House Investigative Committee to Investigate the State's Compliance with the Felix Consent Decree, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1), of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee.

The President then ordered the Clerk to file Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1.

Senator Matsuura, for the Prescription Drugs Working Committee, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 2), of certain findings and recommendations of the Committee.

The President then ordered the Clerk to file Spec. Com. Rep. No. 2.

At 11:46 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:48 o'clock a.m.

Senator Slom rose on a point of personal privilege and stated:

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

"Let me just express my disappointment with the State's handling of the so-called suit against the oil companies.

"You know, for many, many years now we've heard about all of the things that have been going on and all of the money that was going to be returned to the State and hopefully to the taxpayers. Now, we find that there has been a settlement that's been made even though the State alleged great criminal actions. We don't know exactly the terms of the settlement because it's shrouded in secrecy, but I think what we can be assured of is that we're not going to get the large windfall that certain members of the Judiciary told us we were going to get, and certainly it looks like the people of this State and particularly the taxpayers and the people that have been filling up their tanks and paying record high rates for gasoline are not going to get any recompense or any relief.

"It looks like once again, Mr. President, the only people that are going to come out ahead on this will be the attorneys that have been involved in this action. So I just want to express my disappointment.

"Thank you."

## INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive bills for introduction prior to 4:30 o'clock p.m. In consequence thereof and subsequent to its recessing at 11:51 o'clock a.m., the following bills passed First Reading by title and were deferred:

Senate Bill

No. 2058 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET."

Introduced by: Senator Bunda.

No. 2059 "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII ISLAND VETERANS MEMORIAL, INCORPORATED."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Inouye, Hanabusa, Kokubun.

No. 2060 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."

Introduced by: Senators Sakamoto, Tam, Hanabusa, Ige,  
Fukunaga, Buen, Taniguchi, Slom.

No. 2061 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
ABUSE."

Introduced by: Senator Chumbley.

No. 2062 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
ANIMAL CRUELTY."

Introduced by: Senator Chumbley.

No. 2063 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE  
FELIX CONSENT DECREE."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Buen.

No. 2064 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE  
WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Buen, Sakamoto.

No. 2065 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
EDUCATION."

Introduced by: Senators Hanabusa, Chun, Matsuura,  
Kokubun, Buen, Slom, English, Chun Oakland, Taniguchi.

No. 2066 "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION FOR AN ANTI-SMOKING EDUCATION  
PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

Introduced by: Senator Slom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 o'clock p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30  
o'clock a.m., Friday, January 18, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of the Senate

Approved:

President of the Senate