

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

The Senate of the Twenty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2004, convened at 11:44 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Arthur Marutani, Honpa Hongwanji, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Aduja, Ihara and Sakamoto who were excused.

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

At 11:52 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:57 o'clock a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 354 and 355) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 354, dated February 3, 2004, transmitting a Report on the Implementation of Section 321-193.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prepared by the Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, pursuant to Act 161, Section 10, SLH 2002.

Gov. Msg. No. 355, dated February 23, 2004, transmitting the Department of Health 2003 Annual Report – Healthy People, Healthy Communities, Healthy Islands.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 37 and 38) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 37 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR COGNITIVE REHABILITATION.”

Offered by: Senator Chun Oakland.

No. 38 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FULL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BE RECITED BEFORE THE START OF EACH SENATE AND HOUSE FLOOR SESSION.”

Offered by: Senators Slom, Hemmings, Hogue, Trimble, Whalen, Chun Oakland.

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 19) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

Senate Resolution

No. 19 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FULL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BE RECITED BEFORE THE START OF EACH SENATE FLOOR SESSION.”

Offered by: Senators Slom, Hemmings, Hogue, Trimble, Whalen, Chun Oakland.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2508) recommending that S.B. No. 267, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be recommitted to the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture.

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 267, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS,” passed Second Reading and was recommitted to the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture.

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

“Mr. President, I rise for a point of personal privilege.

“Mr. President, this morning I had the opportunity to be in God’s Country to go to Honowai Elementary School. There I saw the love and hope of these young people to desire to go and live as normal and to be responsible citizens in their community. I was there, and I spoke on behalf of the Senate telling them that we will do our fiduciary responsibility of keeping drugs off the streets and out of the community. I say this because I realize that treatment is important, but just as important, I believe, is enforcement. We need to provide the vehicles that we have, again, to keep drugs off the streets and out of our community.

“Therefore, Mr. President, I just hope that we can find a way to do both. Thank you.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of the Senate

Approved:

President of the Senate