

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Friday, April 18, 2008

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, convened at 12:08 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

Representative Har introduced the CCO Singers, Mr. Richard "Klunx" Ah Lee Sam, III, Ms. Lauren Moniz, and Ms. Jenni Panoncial, who then delivered the invocation in song. The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-Second Day was deferred.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 306, 307 and 309) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 306, informing the House that on April 17, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 2467, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION." (ACT 018)

Gov. Msg. No. 307, informing the House that on April 17, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 2402, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS TO VOLUME 11 OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, AND CLARIFYING LANGUAGE." (ACT 019)

Gov. Msg. No. 309, dated April 14, 2008, transmitting the 2007 Annual Report of the State of Hawaii Overseas Offices prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 308) was announced by the Clerk and was received for possible consideration at a later date:

Gov. Msg. No. 308, transmitting S.B. No. 1805, SD 1, without her approval and statement of objections relating to the measure as follows:

"EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU
April 17, 2008

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1805

Honorable Members
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1805, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Genetic Counselors."

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Health to establish a licensure program for genetic counselors, in order to ensure access to high quality genetic counseling services.

This bill is objectionable because the State Auditor conducted a sunrise analysis of a similar bill in 2006 and found that the licensing of genetic counselors is not necessary and does not meet the criteria for regulation under the Hawaii Regulatory Reform Act. The Auditor's analysis stated that establishing a licensing program is largely about title protection. It gives licensed individuals the ability to use the title but does not prohibit the practice by non-licensed practitioners. The Auditor considered cases of harm cited by supporters of licensing but noted, however, that the harm cited stemmed from those outside regulation. As a result, the Auditor concluded that licensing would have "no bearing on direct, commercial marketing of DNA testing and counseling, especially at-home genetic self testing, which is a burgeoning industry."

There is no question that qualified genetic counselors can provide positive services to individuals with significant health issues. The argument, however, that licensing genetic counselors will protect those seeking services from incompetent or unscrupulous persons is not valid. The bill prohibits unlicensed individuals from using the title genetic counselor but it would not prohibit them from offering services. Should an individual in need of services seek additional knowledge about a counselor's qualifications, they could consult the American Board of Genetic Counseling which serves as the credentialing organization for the genetic counseling profession in the U.S. and Canada. Although well-intentioned, the licensing of genetic counselors by the State warrants more study and analysis by the Auditor as provided under Chapter 26H, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Finally, procedural flaws under Sections 15 and 16 of Article III of the State Constitution appear to have occurred in the passage of this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1805 without my approval.

Respectfully,
/s/
LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii"

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 680 through 683) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 680, transmitting H.C.R. No. 294, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANCER RESEARCH CENTER OF HAWAII AT KAKAAKO," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2008.

Sen. Com. No. 681, transmitting H.C.R. No. 114, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING THE FACILITIES AT LUALUALEI, WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY, TO BE USED AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR CIVILIANS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2008.

Sen. Com. No. 682, transmitting H.C.R. No. 126, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO JOINTLY STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INTEGRATING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH ANGER PROBLEMS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2008.

Sen. Com. No. 683, transmitting H.C.R. No. 226, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS IN THE STATE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2008.

INTRODUCTION

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Mizuno introduced Girl Scout Troup No. 401 who were supporting SCR 77, Cadets Nika Kashyap, Chanel Gemini and Sabina Van Tilburg; and mothers, Terry Stillman and Malia DeSilva. They were accompanied by Representative's staff member, Dr. Leolani Oyama.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following concurrent resolutions were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

S.C.R.

Nos.

Re-referred to:

8	Committee on Human Services & Housing
54	Committee on Transportation
124, SD1	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services & Housing and the Committee on Health
222	Committee on Labor & Public Employment

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1920-08), recommending that S.C.R. No. 201, SD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 201, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN FOR LONG-TERM CARE FOR LEAHI HOSPITAL," was referred to the Committee on Finance with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representatives Green and Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1921-08), recommending that S.C.R. No. 79, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 79, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL SHELTER HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representatives Green and Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1922-08), recommending that S.C.R. No. 105, SD 1, be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 105, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IN CHILD PROTECTIVE AWARENESS SKILLS," was referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representatives Green and Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1923-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 153, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 153, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "DIVIDED WE FAIL" CAMPAIGN," was adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Magaoay, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1924-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 37, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 37, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS," was adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Magaoay, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1925-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 70, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 70, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DEGREE PROGRAM FOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Magaoay, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1926-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 92, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 92, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND ASSET-BUILDING TASK FORCE," was adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Magaoay, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1927-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 96, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 96, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PROGRAM, PERFORMANCE, AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY," was adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Magaoay, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1928-08) recommending that S.C.R. No. 212, SD 2, be adopted.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 212, SD 2, be adopted, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Finnegan rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Meyer rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Thielen rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Pine rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Marumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ward rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 212, SD 2, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO INVESTIGATE PROCUREMENT AND EXPENDITURE PRACTICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM AND SELECTED ATTACHED AGENCIES," was adopted, with Representatives Ching, Finnegan, Marumoto, Meyer, Pine, Thielen and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Representative Caldwell moved that the rules of the House be suspended for the purpose of considering a certain bill on Final Reading on the basis of a modified consent calendar, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried. (Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai were excused.)

FINAL READING

The following bill was taken from the Clerk's desk and the following action taken:

Representative Caldwell then moved to agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bill, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried. (Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai were excused.)

H.B. No. 3109, SD 1

Representative Meyer rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, isn't this Final Reading? Shouldn't I have to call out the vote?"

The Chair responded, stating:

"Representative Meyer, you will do that later on. The first motion was to suspend the rules of the House to consider this particular measure which we previously disagreed to. The second motion was to agree. And now I'm asking the Clerk if she is in receipt of the record of vote forms for said House Bill."

The Chair addressed the Clerk who announced that the record of vote forms for the aforementioned bill has been received, and a quorum was present at the respective decision making sessions with a majority of the managers present voting in the affirmative.

H.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 3109, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 3 (Green, Herkes and Mizuno). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 3109 and H.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISPENSING OPTICIANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

At 12:21 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that H.B. No. 3109, SD 1, passed Final Reading.

DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK

Representative Caldwell moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Concurrent Resolution, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried. (Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai were excused.)

H.C.R. No. 117, (SD 1)

H.C.R. No. 194, (SD 1)

FINAL ADOPTION

The following House Concurrent Resolutions were taken from the Clerk's desk and the following action taken:

H.C.R. No. 117, S.D. 1:

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the House agreed to the

amendments proposed by the Senate to H.C.R. No. 117, and H.C.R. No. 117, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, LAND DIVISION, TO ASSEMBLE VARIOUS STATE, COUNTY, AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO MEET AND DEVELOP A HANAPEPE SALT POND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN," was Adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

H.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1:

Representative M. Oshiro moved that H.C.R. No. 194, SD 1, be Adopted, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Finnegan rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Finnegan's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support with reservations of H.C.R. 194 which requests the U.S. Navy to clear the coastline of lower Waipahu that is under its jurisdiction from invasive plant-life and excessive foliage for safety and aesthetic purposes. I am concerned with what we're asking the Navy to do. Requesting them to "clear" the area from invasive plant-life and excessive foliage may be asking them to do something they cannot do. I think we need to define "clear". I do support cleaning the area and ensuring the Navy does their part in maintaining a presentable appearance.

"Rainbow Bay is an example in my district where the Navy has done the responsible thing by trimming the mangrove and cleaning the area, making it aesthetically pleasing to look at. The Navy was restricted from completely removing the mangrove in the bay due to wildlife and eco-system concerns. Uprooting the plants would disrupt the habitat for fish and other wildlife of the bay. Before we send this type of request to Washington, we should make sure we have our ducks in a row. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.C.R. No. 194, and H.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. NAVY TO CLEAR THE COASTLINE OF LOWER WAIPAHAU THAT IS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION FROM INVASIVE PLANT-LIFE AND EXCESSIVE FOLIAGE FOR SAFETY AND AESTHETIC PURPOSES," was Adopted, with Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, Souki and Wakai being excused.

Representative Meyer rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I'm rising on a point of personal privilege. I noticed that four of our Members have been absent from the Chamber because they've gone a trip to the Philippines that was paid for by Hawaiian Airlines. I assume they asked you if this was ethical?"

The Chair responded, stating:

"Yes, and they did get a ruling and response from the Ethics Commission."

Representative Meyer: "I'm troubled because we have bills before us that deal with the airlines. One that would exempt fuel from the 4 percent excise, and another that would possibly give some loans. It seems that by taking these trips they're somewhat beholden to the airlines."

Speaker Say: "And you are personally aggrieved by the four individuals going on the trip?"

Representative Meyer: "Well I mean, I have read some accounting of it."

Representative B. Oshiro rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Mr. Speaker I believe the current speaker is out of order. That does not constitute a personal privilege under Masons Manual of the Legislative Procedures, section 222. It says, 'Questions affecting the rights, reputation and conduct of Members of the body in their respective capacity are questions of personal ...'"

Representative Meyer: "Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the reputation of the body."

Speaker Say: "Representative Meyer would you let ..."

Representative B. Oshiro: "May I continue? Under section 223 it says, 'Merely criticizing another Member's act in the House does not constitute a question of personal privilege.' Thank you very much."

Representative Meyer: "Mr. Speaker, I am not criticizing the action. I'm concerned about how this looks to our body, as much as I'm concerned about what it looks like for the four Members that went on the trip from the Senate.

"The airfare should be fairly expensive if they had to pay for it. One of the Senators said he would characterize it as a public/private partnership. I didn't know whether the House had agreed to pay for lodging, or for ground transportation, or if everything is on Hawaiian Airlines. I don't know. I know these things come up, but the fact that we have almost like emergency legislation that came up after Aloha Airlines had to give up their business here, Hawaiian Airlines will benefit from the bills that we're considering and that's a concern to me. And that's why I'm just bringing that up. Thank you."

Representative Waters rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Just to remind Members that the previous speaker voted against ethics reform, Senate Bill 945."

Representative Thielen rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise personally aggrieved by that. I voted against that bill because it was a direct hit at our wonderful physician that would have been prevented..."

Speaker Say: "Representative Thielen. Representative Thielen, you are out of order."

Representative Thielen: "I will direct the remarks more to my personally being aggrieved, Mr. Speaker."

"Mr. Speaker there are a number of us in this body that voted against that measure because we looked at that bill, as amended at the last moment in the Judiciary Committee. We looked at it as an attack upon another Member. It would have prevented him from practicing his profession, which is a medical profession, and serving in the Legislature. That was the purpose of our no vote. Thank you."

Speaker Say: "Representative Meyer, for what purpose do you rise?"

Representative Meyer: "To rebut the Chair of Judiciary. I voted no on the ethics bill because it had nothing to do with this type of thing."

"One was to take care of people hiring their relatives. That didn't even do the job because it exempted anybody that's doing that now as long as that relative had been on the payroll for 12 months. And the other part of it, this \$10,000 threshold of accepting State money on a contract. I felt that was just aimed at one person. What about the people that are maybe earning \$8,000 or \$6,000 or \$5,000? We are all part-time legislators, and most of the people in this Chamber must

work at something besides being a legislator. It doesn't relate to this complaint that I have. Thank you."

Speaker Say: "Representative Meyer, if you want to file a complaint on the four Members that have gone on this particular trip, you may submit it to the Committee, the Standards of Conduct Committee. And for the Members of the House, your four Members did submit a request to me to be allowed to travel to the Philippines as part of a delegation made up of business executives, the media and our Senate counterparts."

Representative Meyer: "Well, another part of it that bothers me is this is a very busy time during the Legislative Session, and Conference Committees have already started. And in the Senate there were three Chairmen that went ..."

Speaker Say: "Representative Meyer, the Chair has nothing to do with the Senate's operations."

Representative Meyer: "I realize that."

Representative Takai rose to a point of information, stating:

"Point of information, Mr. Speaker. I think you need to provide us with guidance in this Chamber, as to what constitutes a point of personal privilege. I think discussions like this need to be spelled out. I think there is a potential for abuse. I'm not saying that this is abusing it, but I just think that we need, as a body, some guidelines. Because I think we're slipping into what the other Chamber is doing regarding points of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

LATE INTRODUCTION

The following late introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Sagum introduced from the Hawaii National Guard, Mr. Teddy Daligdig and Mr. Zenon Wong from the Island of Kauai.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Green: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to announce that today is Massage Therapy Day at the Capitol, and we have some nice volunteers here providing that service, particularly when people make generous donations to the Foodbank. It's from 1:00 to 5:00 today on the Second and Fourth floors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that it does seem like there's a lot of stress in the Chamber, this may be a great opportunity for all of us."

Representative Thielen: "Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to thank the Representative from District 18, the Niu Valley area for giving us an Earth Day printout. I think that's very helpful."

"For the Members that forgot about Natural Fiber Aloha Friday, there's an opportunity again next week. The real Earth Day is on Tuesday and I would hope that at least under a jacket, our male colleagues would be wearing natural fibers like our colleague from District 21 is doing today. He's come a long way. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:31 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Meyer and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, April 21, 2008. (Representatives Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Nakasone, M. Oshiro, Souki and Wakai were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 18, 2008, from Patricia Mau-Shimizu, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed House Bill 3109, SD 1 on Final Reading.

House Communication dated April 18, 2008, from Patricia Mau-Shimizu, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and has this day adopted the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 117, SD 1
H.C.R. No. 194, SD 1