

TWELFTH DAY

Monday, February 4, 2008

The Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2008, convened at 11:41 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Mr. Mark Mararagan, Office of the Honorable Gary L. Hooser, Hawai'i State Senate, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Menor who was excused.

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Eleventh Day.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 265 and 266) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 265, dated January 31, 2008, transmitting a Report on the Inventory of Respite Care Services in Hawaii, prepared by the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging, pursuant to H.C.R. No. 187 (2007).

Gov. Msg. No. 266, dated February 1, 2008, transmitting a Report on the Department of Accounting and General Services' Information Technology Expenditures, pursuant to Act 213, Section 123, SLH 2007.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 50) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

S.C.R. No. 50 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A RENEWABLE ENERGY SUB-DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS AS PERMISSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION AND TO STUDY, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, THE COST OF PROVIDING A NON-REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT TO RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITIES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SUB-DISTRICTS THAT PRODUCE RENEWABLE ENERGY."

Offered by: Senators Nishihara, Espero, Hooser.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2022) recommending that S.B. No. 2349, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2349, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL EXCISE TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Hee, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2023) recommending that S.B. No. 2198 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2198, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND CONSERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senators Sakamoto and Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2024) recommending that S.B. No. 2162, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2162, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AFTER-SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2025) recommending that S.B. No. 2913 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2913, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2026) recommending that S.B. No. 3149, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3149, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2027) recommending that S.B. No. 2816, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2816, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTRA-COUNTY FERRY SERVICE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2028) recommending that S.B. No. 2187, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2187, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WEST HAWAII HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2029) recommending that S.B. No. 2049, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2049, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senators Kokubun and Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2030) recommending that S.B. No. 2225, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2225, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2031) recommending that S.B. No. 2514, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2514, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the majority of the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2032) recommending that S.B. No. 2932, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2932, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TAX," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the majority of the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2033) recommending that S.B. No. 3230, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3230, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2034) recommending that S.B. No. 2943, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2035) recommending that S.B. No. 2986, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2986, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REFUNDABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2036) recommending that S.B. No. 2764, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2764, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL FACILITY TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2037) recommending that S.B. No. 2744, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2744, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYDROGEN FUEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2038) recommending that S.B. No. 2164, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2164, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2039) recommending that S.B. No. 2691, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2691, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2040) recommending that S.B. No. 2296, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2296, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE

REVENUE BONDS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2041) recommending that S.B. No. 3127 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3127, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2042) recommending that S.B. No. 2660, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2660, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAMS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2043) recommending that S.B. No. 2315, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2315, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2044) recommending that S.B. No. 2501, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2501, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE SURCHARGE TAX,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2045) recommending that S.B. No. 2722, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2722, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FIRE SPRINKLER TAX DEDUCTION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2046) recommending that S.B. No. 3013, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3013, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOSS MITIGATION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2047) recommending that S.B. No. 3251, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3251, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2048) recommending that S.B. No. 2035, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2035, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR MAUI PREPARATORY ACADEMY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Sakamoto, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2049) recommending that S.B. No. 2649 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2649, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2050) recommending that S.B. No. 2088, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2088, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED FLIGHT SIMULATOR TRAINING,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2051) recommending that S.B. No. 2394 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2394, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2052) recommending that S.B. No. 2393, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No.

2393, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2053) recommending that S.B. No. 2141 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2141, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2054) recommending that S.B. No. 2428 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2428, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2055) recommending that S.B. No. 2800, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2800, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2056) recommending that S.B. No. 2981, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2981, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2057) recommending that S.B. No. 3091, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIFELONG LEARNING ACCOUNTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2058) recommending that S.B. No. 3111, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3111, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2059) recommending that S.B. No. 2455, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2455, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2060) recommending that S.B. No. 2623 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2623, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senators Menor and Tokuda, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2061) recommending that S.B. No. 3215, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 3215, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIODIESEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senators Menor and Kokubun, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2062) recommending that S.B. No. 2766, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2766, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Ige, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2063) recommending that S.B. No. 2417, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senator Ige, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2064) recommending that S.B. No. 3236, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3236, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIFE SCIENCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Senators Ige and Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, presented a joint report of the majority of the Committees (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2065) recommending that S.B. No. 2101, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2101, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1:

Senator Baker moved that H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Tsutsui.

Senator Baker rose to speak in favor of the measure and said:

"Madam President, I rise in support of this measure.

"Colleagues, H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1, provides for the operating expenses of the Legislature and our attached agencies. The passage of this measure is by tradition one of the first actions we take as a Legislative Body once we convene each Session. It's also one of the most critical because it does provide the Legislature with the resources necessary to carry out our responsibilities for the 2008 Legislative Session and the interim that follows. It is a modest measure, Madam President and colleagues, and authorizes \$1.15 million or 3.4 percent less in general funds than the budget we adopted last year. It also includes \$300,000 for the Legislative Reference Bureau to contract with the University of Hawai'i to conduct a study of the state's environmental review process. I think after the interim Session that we had, the Special Session, we would all agree that this is a process that should have been done years ago, and now we will have the resources to do it.

"Madam President and colleagues, I urge all of you to vote 'yes' on this bill. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 2688, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Menor).

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

Senate Bill Referred to:

S.B. No. 520, S.D. 1 Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2155 Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2200 Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2716 Committee on Judiciary and Labor

S.B. No. 3001 Committee on Energy and Environment, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing and the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 3009 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 3077 Committee on Health, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 3192 Committee on Health, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 a.m., on motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2008.