

EIGHTH DAY

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, convened at 12:03 o'clock p.m., with Vice Speaker Magaoay presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Father Van Culin of Saint Luke Episcopal Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 231 through 235) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 231, dated January 21, 2009, transmitting the report, Efforts to Support Engineering Growth Industries, pursuant to Act 148 (SLH 2007).

Gov. Msg. No. 232, dated January 20, 2009, transmitting the report, Self-Sufficiency Income Standard: Estimates for Hawaii 2007, pursuant to Act 12 (SLH 2008 First Special Session).

Gov. Msg. No. 233, dated January 20, 2009, transmitting the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the State of Hawaii Act 111 (SLH 2007) Business/Education Internship and Mentorship Program pursuant to Act 111 (SLH 2007), Part VI, Section 13 (c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Gov. Msg. No. 234, dated January 21, 2009, transmitting the Report from the Department of Transportation on Section 24 of Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, as amended by Act 158, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008. The Report identifies the sums of money expended by the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, for formally declared disasters.

Gov. Msg. No. 235, dated January 7, 2009, transmitting the FY 07-08 Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Annual Report, pursuant to Section 205A-3(10), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 52 and 53) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 52, dated January 27, 2009, from David McClain, President, University of Hawaii System, transmitting the Annual Inventive & Performance Report and Report by the UH Task Force on Developing a Budgetary System and Funding Formula for Distribution of Fiscal Resources of UH Campuses for 2009 (Act 188, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, Section 2 & 3) as requested by the Legislature.

Dept. Com. No. 53, dated January 29, 2009, from David McClain, President, University of Hawaii System, transmitting the Report by the University of Hawaii at Manoa on a Plan to Develop, Offer, or Expand Philippine Language and Related Courses at the University of Hawaii Campuses and Public Schools for 2009 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 120, 2008) as requested by the Legislature.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

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Nos.Re-referred to:

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| 569 | Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 1102 | Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 1321 | Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Chang, for the Committee on Higher Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5) recommending that H.B. No. 124, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 124, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Health, with Representative Morita being excused.

Representative M. Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6) recommending that H.B. No. 302, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 302, HD 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," passed Second Reading, and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representative Morita being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

By unanimous consent, the following concurrent resolution (H.C.R. No. 51) was referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.C.R. No. 51, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE CERVICAL CANCER," was jointly offered by Representatives Marumoto, Belatti, Berg, Brower, Carroll, Ching, Evans, Hanohano, Har, M. Lee, Luke, Magaoay, Morita, Nakashima, B. Oshiro, Pine, Shimabukuro, Thielen, Tokioka, Ward, Wooley and Bertram.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative B. Oshiro: "Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to announce that after session, we'll be having some cake in Room 437 to bid a fond farewell to our Representative Mark Takai. So everyone, please come to Room 437."

Representative Luke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is probably one of our beloved colleagues' last day of Session before he heads on off to Kuwait. Joining us in the Gallery, if I may be permitted a late introduction, are his parents. Mr. Erik and Mrs. Naomi Takai, if you would stand up. And the person who will be doing all the work while he's gone, taking care of his children, Sami Takai. Thank you."

Representative Takai: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't going to say anything today. I told the Speaker yesterday that I just want to kind of disappear. But let me just say this: I really appreciate the emails, the visits to the office, the phone calls, everything that our colleagues and friends, some of whom I haven't seen or heard from for quite a while. All the good wishes, the prayers and everything are much appreciated.

"I have the awesome privilege of not only serving in this House with you and all of our colleagues, but also serving in the Hawaii Army National Guard. It's truly a double honor to be able to do that.

"While I'm away, as you know, we've got great representation by what I call the Aiea/Pearl City team on the Floor, and also in my office. I wanted to, at this time, recognize them since they're here too. And by the way, I didn't even know my family was going to be here, so thank you for coming. I believe it's the first time they're here and being introduced. Thank you, very much.

"Lisa Vargas, our Office Manager. Please stand, Lisa. And then Session staff, we have Kristine Duong, Desiree Borja, and Darlene Claveria. Please stand and be recognized.

"So while I'm away, Mr. Speaker, everything will go on without a hitch, and you can be confident and know that my staff will be working very hard, especially on things like the Hawaii Medal of Honor.

"The last thing I'd like to say is that I truly appreciate the good thoughts and prayers, but there are a lot of other people there. In fact, there's 1,700 National Guard and Reservists from Hawaii currently serving and I'll be meeting up with them. So please, keep them in your prayers, but more importantly, remember our families.

"My family, being away from them is going to be the most difficult thing. I've gone on trips before and have been away, but this is truly going to be a challenge. My wife Sami and all of the other spouses here who are left behind to care for our loved ones; they need to be watched over, and prayers need to be directed towards them.

"But I'm going to miss this place, and I know you have some very tough decisions ahead. I do know, as the Chief Clerk reminded me yesterday, that I have the awesome opportunity of watching you on the Internet. Although it's 13 hours and it's going to be at some ungodly hour, I'll keep track of all of you. Thank you, very much. Mahalo."

Vice-Speaker Magaoay: "Representative Takai, as you leave, two things I want to ask of you. Be sure you make us proud as a Member of this legislative body of the House. And also we ask you to come home safely. Your family is here in Hawaii, good luck to you, and Godspeed with you."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minority, we also wish you Godspeed, happy return. Thank you for serving your country. Aloha."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:16 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Pine and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4, 2009. (Representative Morita was excused.)