

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

The Senate of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2010, convened at 11:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend Dr. John R. Heidel, Interfaith Alliance, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators English, Taniguchi, and Tokuda who were excused.

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

At this time, the following introductions were made to the members of the Senate:

Senator Nishihara introduced a group of 5th grade students from Pearl City Elementary, a NASA Explorer School, who were accompanied by their teachers Sherri Takamoto and Karen Nunokawa.

Senator Hooser recognized and commended Mark Jeffers and the Storybook Theatre of Hawaii on the accomplishments of the Spark M. Matsunaga Children's Garden of Peace in Hanapepe, Kaua'i. In attendance were Mark Jeffers, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Storybook Theatre of Hawaii; Matt Matsunaga, Matsunaga family consultant; Kim Duffett, Sculptor; and David Hamil, the first President of Storybook Theatre's Board of Directors.

Senator Tsutsui and Senator Baker commended and congratulated Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) on its 45th Anniversary. Representing MEO were Sandy Baz, Chief Executive Officer; Lyn McNeff, Chief Programs Officer; Grant Chun, President of MEO Board of Directors; and May Fujiwara, West Maui Senior Representative of MEO Board and President of Lahaina-Honolulu Senior Citizens Club. Also recognized were dedicated supporters of MEO from South Maui, West Maui, and Central Maui who were seated in the gallery.

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

The Senate reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 250 to 313) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 250, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Credit Union Advisory Board, the nomination of GAY L. MATHEWS, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 251, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, the nomination of CLAYTON CHUN YEE PANG, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 252, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, the nomination of DARRYL D. PERRY, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 253, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, the nomination of GARY A. YABUTA, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 254, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, the nomination of SCOTT S. HASHIMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 255, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA), the nomination of MATTIE A. YOSHIOKA, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Education and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 256, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaua'i Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committee, the nomination of LOIS FUJISHIGE, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 257, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the nomination of CAROLINE M.T. CADIRAO, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 258, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the nomination of CAROLINE M.T. CADIRAO, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 259, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the nomination of JOSHUA I. SMALLEY-BOWER, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 260, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, the nomination of ANNE TRYGSTAD, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 261, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, the nomination of ANNE TRYGSTAD, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 262, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, the nomination of MARTHA J. TURNER, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 263, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, the nomination of JOHN C. KEENE, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 264, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, the nomination of JOHN C. KEENE, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 265, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Council on Independent Living, the nomination of JO ANN D. KOGA, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 266, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Council on Independent Living, the nomination of BEVERLY C. WONG, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 267, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, the nomination of ROLAND QUOK FONG THOM, term to expire June 30, 2020, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 268, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the nomination of CARL W. HINSON, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 269, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Transportation, the nomination of RALPH J.W.K. HIATT, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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Gov. Msg. No. 271, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, the nomination of RICHARD HA, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 272, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, the nomination of RICHARD HA, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 273, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, the nomination of JAMES WILFRED FUJITA, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 274, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, the nomination of DEBRA U'ILANI RUIZ, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 275, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, the nomination of ROY M. SASUGA, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 276, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, the nomination of DENNIS JOHN SHORT, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 277, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, the nomination of VOLETTA NOE NOE TOM, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Education and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 278, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA), the nomination of ROGER K.

GODFREY, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Education and Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 279, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, the nomination of JENNIFER L. ZELKO, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 280, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, the nomination of MICHAEL J. MURAKOSHI, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

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Gov. Msg. No. 282, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, the nomination of NAOMI CLARKE LOSCH, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 283, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the nomination of GEORGE S. THRONAS, JR., term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 284, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the nomination of STEPHEN H. REELITZ, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 285, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, the nomination of BRUCE E. BUCKY, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 286, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission, the nomination of MARY BEGIER, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 287, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Commission, the nomination of PETER LARRY ROSEGG, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 288, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), the nomination of MICHAEL BARRY SUMJA, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 289, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, the nomination of LUCY MILLER PHD, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 290, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, the nomination of LYNN K. MURAKAMI-AKATSUKA, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 291, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access

Board, the nomination of LYNN K. MURAKAMI-AKATSUKA, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 292, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, the nomination of RICHARD E. MEIERS, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 293, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Rights Commission, the nomination of SAMUEL MOKU, term to expire June 30, 2011, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 294, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, the nomination of DENNIS M. DUNN, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 295, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, the nomination of DENNIS M. DUNN, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 296, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, the nomination of WENDELL K. KIKUCHI, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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Gov. Msg. No. 298, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the nomination of JEFFREY W. PIONTEK, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 299, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the nomination of DENNIS M. DUNN, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 300, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the nomination of DENNIS M. DUNN, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 301, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the nomination of JANICE YAMADA, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 302, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, the nomination of HERBERT C. LUM, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 303, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, the nomination of JAMES D. LACLAIR, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 304, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Wireless Enhanced 911 Board, the nomination of GOLDIE K. CROSS, term to expire June 30,

2014, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 305, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the nomination of VERNON FOOK LEONG CHAR, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 306, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, the nomination of MAY LEILANI AU, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 307, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, the nomination of DANIELLE ULULANI BEIRNE-KEAWE, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 308, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, the nomination of RICHARD K. PAGLINAWAN, term to expire June 30, 2012, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 309, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, the nomination of BENJAMIN DANIEL SHAFER, term to expire June 30, 2011, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 310, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kahana Valley Living Park Planning Council, the nomination of LAUREN A. TANAKA, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 311, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council, the nomination of NOREEN R. OHAI-DANIELS, term to expire June 30, 2011, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 312, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the nomination of ROBERT J. SHALLENBERGER, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 313, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lanai, the nomination of WILSON N.K. KANAKAOLE, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 89 to 98) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 89 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTES JOBS AND INNOVATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, HEIGHTENS NATIONAL ENERGY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, POSITIONS THE UNITED STATES TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER IN THE FIELD OF CLEAN ENERGY, AND ADDRESSES THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE WITHOUT PREEMPTING STATES' RIGHTS TO CONTROL EMISSIONS AND TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, Baker, Bunda, Chun Oakland, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Hooser, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Takamine.

S.C.R. No. 90 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND RETAILERS TO DEVELOP A CONSISTENT SYSTEM OF LABELING TO BETTER INFORM CONSUMERS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, English, Bunda, Chun Oakland, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Hooser, Ihara, Kidani, Takamine.

S.C.R. No. 91 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING THE COMMISSION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE BY A PARENT, TO ASSESS THE USE AND APPLICATION OF SECTION 571-46, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, Bunda, Chun Oakland, Green, Hemmings, Ige, Takamine.

S.C.R. No. 92 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REVIEWING WORKFORCE HOUSING IN KAKAAKO MAUKA."

Offered by: Senator Sakamoto.

S.C.R. No. 93 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY DWELLINGS IN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, TO ALLEVIATE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE."

Offered by: Senator Sakamoto.

S.C.R. No. 94 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO OFFER ONLINE INSTRUCTION TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM."

Offered by: Senator Sakamoto.

S.C.R. No. 95 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED TO IDENTIFY THE LIBRARY SERVICES NEEDED IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SEEK COMMUNITY SOURCES OF FUNDING TO OFFSET THE LOSS OF FUNDING TO LIBRARIES."

Offered by: Senator Sakamoto.

S.C.R. No. 96 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND."

Offered by: Senators Hooser, Kidani, Galuteria, Green, Ige, Ihara, Nishihara, Sakamoto.

S.C.R. No. 97 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUAI TO RESTORE PRINCE KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER CONFIGURATION."

Offered by: Senators Hooser, Galuteria, Green, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 98 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE DISPATCH CENTER ON THE WEST SIDE OF KAUAI, BASED IN KALAHEO."

Offered by: Senators Hooser, Galuteria, Green, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara, Sakamoto.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 39 and 40) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 39 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTES JOBS AND INNOVATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, HEIGHTENS NATIONAL ENERGY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, POSITIONS THE UNITED STATES TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER IN THE FIELD OF CLEAN ENERGY, AND ADDRESSES THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE WITHOUT PREEMPTING STATES' RIGHTS TO CONTROL EMISSIONS AND TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, Baker, Chun Oakland, English, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Hooser, Ige, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Takamine.

S.R. No. 40 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND RETAILERS TO DEVELOP A CONSISTENT SYSTEM OF LABELING TO BETTER INFORM CONSUMERS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, English, Chun Oakland, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Hooser, Ihara, Kidani, Takamine.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Takamine, seconded by Senator Bunda and carried, S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (English, Kokubun, Taniguchi, Tokuda).

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bill that was introduced:

S.B. No.: Re-referred to:

S.B. No. 2771 Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Health

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

“Referrals and re-referrals are made in accordance with the Supplemental Order of the Day that may be distributed to your offices later this afternoon.”

Senator Hemmings rose on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I wish to share a gift. Saturday soon before noon, I was stopped in my car at the intersection near Castle Hospital. The median there is broad and green, often busy with people seeking donations or holding political signs. Not on this day; walking all alone was a man about my age. His rugged face was a face of a thousand years, a Hawaiian face. His stride was terribly stuttered with a limp. His clothes were old and worn, but clean and neat. Despite the physical hardships life had obviously dealt him, he carried himself erect. His head was held high. If he’d chosen not to work, he may have qualified for some sort of government assistance. He was working though, selling newspapers. I rolled down the window as he approached. Nothing was said as I handed him a small token. Later, I’d realized I should have probably given him everything in my pocket. He began to hand me a newspaper. Quietly, I said, ‘I read it already.’ Our eyes caught, and I saw my gift. For just a brief flicker of time, I saw what all the riches in the world could not buy. I saw what cannot be bequeathed, nor stolen. In the windows of this man’s soul, I saw honor. I saw dignity in this man’s eyes. I saw aloha. That was the gift, a gift I hope we can all share. He said, ‘Mahalo.’”

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:02 p.m., on motion by Senator Sakamoto, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2010.