

ELEVENTH DAY

Friday, February 4, 2011

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2011, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Tenth Day.

At this time, Senator Ryan introduced and recognized Mr. Donald Weisman, Hawaii Communications and Marketing/Government Affairs Director of the American Heart Association.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 27) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

S.C.R. No. 27 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AWARDING THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR TO UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS WITH HAWAII CONNECTIONS KILLED IN ACTION WHILE SERVING IN DANGEROUS, VOLATILE, AND UNSTABLE AREAS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN."

Offered by: Senator Tsutsui.

Senator Solomon rose to speak in support of the measure and said:

"I would like to inform our colleagues as to the symbolism of the Hawai'i Medal of Honor. The Hawai'i Medal of Honor was designed by Sergeant First Class Aaron Pollick from the Hawai'i Army National Guard. The circle of kalo leaves: the kalo leaves represent the family or 'ohana. The leaves are designed in an encircled fashion and represent the concept of family and, of course, 'ohana which we strive to embrace and enhance in the State of Hawai'i. The coat of arms, the great shield, is the keystone of the design. The eight bars represent the eight major islands of the State of Hawai'i. The kapu sticks, or the pulo'ulo'u, symbolize authority and protection. The star in the center of the medallion is the Star of Hawai'i, the 50th star on the flag of the United States. The star also represents the honorees of this prestigious award. The Maltese Cross represents the four directional axes of the globe denoting Hawai'i as the crossroads of the Pacific. Sunrays: the radiant sun is symbolic of the new era. Its position in the center represents our sunny shores and warm hearts ever shining on all the corners of the world. The neck drape: the neck drape is red and yellow in color. These colors symbolize the royal monarchy that once ruled these islands. The red represents courage and strength. The yellow depicts the honor that the recipients have brought to our islands. The service ribbon and attachment: the service ribbon represents distinguished service. Its colors are identical to the colors of the neck drape. The attachment device at the middle of the ribbon is an ancient flag of Hawaiian chiefs. In olden times, the puela was raised above the sail of the ancient Hawaiians canoes while at sea. Our puela signifies that a person receiving this medal is of high rank or honor.

"On behalf of those of my colleagues who have distinguished service in the armed services and for myself—my brother died in Vietnam—I really want to thank this body and thank you, Mr. President, for recognizing these honorable people. Mahalo and aloha."

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.C.R. No. 27 was adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Kim, for the 2010 Committee on Ways and Means of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 2) regarding the inadequacy of management and fiscal irresponsibility at the Department of Taxation in operating its contracts with CGI.

The President ordered the Clerk to file Spec. Com. Rep. No. 2.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 17) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GLENN M. OKIMOTO as the Director of the Department of Transportation, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 516.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 17 and Gov. Msg. No. 516 was deferred until Monday, February 7, 2011.

Senator Galuteria, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ALBERT (ALAPAKI) NAHALE-A as the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 507.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18 and Gov. Msg. No. 507 was deferred until Monday, February 7, 2011.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 19) recommending that S.B. No. 367, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 367, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," was recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Environment.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 367, S.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1437	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

At this time, Senator Solomon introduced Laura McCollough, member of Senator Solomon's staff and daughter of the late Frenchy DeSoto, who expressed the family's deep appreciation for the support of the senators who attended her mother's funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:44 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 7, 2011.