

## TWENTY-NINTH DAY

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

The Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2012, convened at 11:31 a.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Tsutsui who was excused.

The Vice President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-Eighth Day.

At this time, Senator Tokuda recognized David Wu, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Information Officer for the Department of Education.

Senator Tokuda introduced JROTC cadets and their instructors from the following schools: Farrington High School, with instructor First Sergeant Efen Aguilar; McKinley High School, with instructor Major Cory Marlowe; Campbell High School, with instructor Chief Warrant Officer Lou Collazo; and Moanalua High School, with instructor Colonel Victor Bofiglio.

Senator Kidani recognized and congratulated the following coaches and members of the Mililani High School varsity boys soccer team, who had recently won the 2012 OIA State Division I Championship and were seated in the gallery: coaches Jeff Yamamoto and Steve McGee; and team captains Andrew Momohara, Renato Torquato, Tyler Matas, Doug Curren, Ryan Tokunaga, and Jake Sagami. Also recognized were the Mililani High School boys wrestling OIA champions who were seated in the gallery including Braydon Akeo, Chase Tangtog, Quinn Nagatani, and Morgan Yamaguchi.

Senator Tokuda recognized Sarah Wagner-Dorich of Kapunahala Elementary School, 2011 Milken Teacher of Promise. Ms. Wagner-Dorich was accompanied by her husband Andrew Dorich, Rina Motoyama, Kristi Ingel, and Principal Debbie Nekomoto of Kapunahala Elementary School.

Senator Dela Cruz recognized Glenn Lee of Waiialua High and Intermediate School, recipient of the 2011 Milken National Educator Award. Mr. Lee was accompanied by his wife Auria.

Senator Ige introduced Alan Hayashi, Director of Public Affairs for BAE Systems and chair of the non-profit Robotics Organizing Committee, a key sponsor for Hawai'i's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) robotics competitions.

Senator Kidani congratulated Glenn Galvizio, member of the Mililani High School VEX Robotics Team 1973, who was accompanied by Mr. Timothy Pregana, Ms. Sheila-Ann Dagarag, and other team members seated in the gallery.

Senator Dela Cruz introduced Mr. Randy Wood, teacher and mentor to the Waiialua High School Robotics Team 359, who was accompanied by Megan Andrada, Cody Miyataki, and other student members of the robotics team.

Senator Wakai introduced Ryan Matsumoto of Moanalua High School's Robotics Botball Team, who was accompanied by Mr. Robert Widhalm and other team members seated in the gallery.

Senator Baker recognized Allyssa Ferrer, Roselyn Domingo, and Lee Ah Lee, three Maui High School students who won top honors in the 2011 National Student Television Network Challenge, and were accompanied by Mr. Clint Gima who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Fukunaga introduced Leslie Wilcox, CEO and President of PBS Hawaii, which recently received the Edge Award from the Association of Public Television Stations, recognizing PBS Hawaii's use of digital technology, groundbreaking partnerships, and educational technologies to deliver innovative services in the HIKI NŌ project. Accompanying Ms. Wilcox were members of the Waiialua High School Creative Media Team, led by teacher Andrew Cole.

Senator Ige recognized Tom Kurashige, Principal of 'Aiea Intermediate School, recipient of the 2011 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.

Senator Kouchi introduced Karen Ikemoto of Hanapepe Public Library, 2011 Librarian of the Year. Ms. Ikemoto was accompanied by her brother Eric Igeta and sister-in-law Karen.

Senator Kahele introduced Teri King-Agan of Kea'au Public and School Library, recipient of the Friends of the Library's 2011 Excellence in Service Award. Ms. King-Agan was accompanied by Mr. Lee Gordon.

Senator Espero recognized Rofina Rivera of 'Ewa Beach Public Library, recipient of the Friends of the Library's 2011 Excellence in Service Award, who was unable to attend.

Senator Ihara recognized Randy Sotsuda of Kaimuki Public Library, recipient of the Friends of the Library's 2011 Excellence in Service Award, who was unable to attend.

Senator Wakai congratulated Elden Seta, music director at Moanalua High School, on receiving the National Bandworld Legion of Honor Laureate Award.

Senator Fukunaga recognized Clayton Dailey of the Mililani High School Robotics Team who represented the team instead of Glenn Galvizo who was unable to attend.

At 12:05 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 800 to 819 and 1106) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 800, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of ERIC ISHIDA, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 801, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of ALAN KIMURA, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 802, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of WILLIAM LEE, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 803, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of THINH NGUYEN, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 804, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of CHRIS ROSE, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 805, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, the nomination of DAVID YEW, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 806, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the nomination of DARYL FUJIWARA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 807, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, the nomination of BEVERLY LEE, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 808, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, the nomination of ODETTA FUJIMORI, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 809, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, the nomination of EDWARD HASEGAWA, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 810, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Stadium Authority, the nomination of SCOT LONG, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 811, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of JEFFREY ACIDO, term to expire June 30, 2014, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 812, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of CARL CARLSON, JR., term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 813, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of JOHN DEAN, term to expire June 30, 2017, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 814, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of BENJAMIN KUDO, term to expire June 30, 2017, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 815, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of BARRY MIZUNO, term to expire June 30, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 816, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of TOM SHIGEMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2017, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 817, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, the nomination of KEITH AMEMIYA, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 818, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, the nomination of NANCY BUDD, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 819, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, the nomination of CHERYL LUPENUI, term to expire June 30, 2015, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 1106, informing the Senate that on March 9, 2012, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2096, H.D. 1 as Act 6, entitled: "RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY," was placed on file.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 90 to 102) were read by the Clerk and were referred to committee or deferred:

S.C.R. No. 90 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE COMPETITION IN HAWAII'S HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET."

Offered by: Senator Taniguchi, by request.

S.C.R. No. 91 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR HAWAII-GROWN TEA."

Offered by: Senators Taniguchi, Baker, Kahele, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 92 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE EAST HAWAII AREA OF HAWAII COUNTY."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Kahele.

S.C.R. No. 93 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOCUSED ON THE TOP FIVE PERCENT OF MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES WHOSE CARE NEEDS ACCOUNT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MEDICAID EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Galuteria.

S.C.R. No. 94 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO PROMOTE WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMS."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Galuteria.

S.C.R. No. 95 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, TO EXAMINE LOCAL AND NATIONAL MODELS OF BEST PRACTICES FOR THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS AND RECOMMEND ANY NEW GUIDELINES TO INCREASE INTERNET ACCESS TO ALLOW THE RESPONSIBLE AND POSITIVE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE CLASSROOM, WHILE ENSURING NECESSARY PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT ABUSE."

Offered by: Senators Tokuda, Kidani.  
 Referred to: Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology

S.C.R. No. 96 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE POPULATION OF FERAL UNGULATES ON PUBLIC LANDS."

Offered by: Senators Dela Cruz, Solomon.

S.C.R. No. 97 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE DIVISION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A WEB SERVICES-BASED DATABASE PROGRAM TO TRACK UNINSURED MOTORISTS."

Offered by: Senators Baker, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Ige, Ihara, Nishihara, Taniguchi.

S.C.R. No. 98 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO APPOINT AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND GREEN, SUSTAINABLE, AND WATER EFFICIENCY CODE PROVISIONS FOR ADOPTION INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE."

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, Chun Oakland, Baker, Espero, Fukunaga, Ige, Ihara, Kim, Kouchi, Nishihara.

S.C.R. No. 99 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS REPORTS OF ALLEGED VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE, AND CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLIGENCE SHOULD BE EXPUNGED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CENTRAL REGISTRY."

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Baker, Espero, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Kidani, Nishihara, Ryan.

S.C.R. No. 100 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ENCOURAGING SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH LEARNING CHALLENGES IN THE CLASSROOM."

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Ige.

S.C.R. No. 101 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII."

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Kidani, Ryan, Shimabukuro, Baker, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Green, Nishihara, Solomon, Tokuda.

S.C.R. No. 102 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE

FEASIBILITY OF THE COUNTIES ADOPTING RULES THAT REGULATE CLEAN AND SOBER HOUSING AND COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS."

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Galuteria, Tokuda, Gabbard, Ige, Nishihara, Ryan.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 41 to 49) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 41 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE COMPETITION IN HAWAII'S HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET."

Offered by: Senator Taniguchi, by request.

S.R. No. 42 "SENATE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR HAWAII-GROWN TEA."

Offered by: Senators Taniguchi, Baker, Kahele, Nishihara.

S.R. No. 43 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE STATE'S FUNDING FOR EXISTING ESL PROGRAMS AND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN HAWAII AND ANY DISPARITIES IN FUNDING FOR THE STATE'S TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES."

Offered by: Senator Shimabukuro.

S.R. No. 44 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND AHA KAULEO KAIAPUNI HAWAII FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE OF THE READING, MATH, SCIENCE, AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH SIX OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM AND FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY STATUTE OR RULE OF AHA KAULEO KAIAPUNI HAWAII"

Offered by: Senator Shimabukuro.

S.R. No. 45 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOCUSED ON THE TOP FIVE PERCENT OF MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES WHOSE CARE NEEDS ACCOUNT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MEDICAID EXPENDITURES IN THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Kahele.

S.R. No. 46 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO PROMOTE WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMS."

Offered by: Senators Solomon, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Kahele.

S.R. No. 47 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO APPOINT AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND GREEN, SUSTAINABLE,

AND WATER EFFICIENCY CODE PROVISIONS FOR ADOPTION INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.”

Offered by: Senators Gabbard, Chun Oakland, Baker, Espero, Fukunaga, Ige, Ihara, Kim, Nishihara.

S.R. No. 48 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS REPORTS OF ALLEGED VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE, AND CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLIGENCE SHOULD BE EXPUNGED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES’ CENTRAL REGISTRY.”

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Baker, Espero, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Kidani, Nishihara, Ryan.

S.R. No. 49 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCORPORATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ENCOURAGING SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH LEARNING CHALLENGES IN THE CLASSROOM.”

Offered by: Senators Chun Oakland, Kidani, Dela Cruz, Espero, Galuteria, Ige, Wakai.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2813), recommending that S.R. No. 14, as amended in S.D. 1, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 14, S.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HOTEL, TRAINING HOTEL, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL RETAIL FACILITY ABOVE THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY,” was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2814) recommending that S.C.R. No. 35, as amended in S.D. 1, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HOTEL, TRAINING HOTEL, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL RETAIL FACILITY ABOVE THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY,” was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

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

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

**RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS**

The Chair re-referred the following House bills that were received:

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| H.B. No.:             | Re-referred to:  |
| H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 1 | Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection                                       |
| H.B. No. 2150, H.D. 2 | Committee on Agriculture, then jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing  |
| H.B. No. 2262, H.D. 2 | Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means                     |
| H.B. No. 2682, H.D. 1 | Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection |

**RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolution that was offered:

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| S.C.R. No.:   | Re-referred to:  |
| S.C.R. No. 56 | Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |

At this time, Senator Hee rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“On Saturday, I had the privilege of traveling to the Kōloa Camp site—the Japanese camp site being proposed for a 50-unit development by Grove Farm. Interestingly enough, 60 people showed up, including Councilmember JoAnn Yukimura, who is doing a similar action that the Senate acted upon recently at the Kaua‘i County Council.

“The reason that I wanted to share with our colleagues is that evidently there is a Japanese language school, and we had the opportunity to crawl in the attic of the school; and we took pictures of the center beam which is cedar, and we took pictures of the Japanese calligraphy. I’m told from one of the people there from Japan that it was a blessing from the high church in Japan, as well as the priest, and there’s a picture frame, but evidently the picture is gone. I brought them down; the staff made copies if people are interested in our relationship with—and Kōloa’s relationship with—Japan, and Hawai‘i, generally, particularly at this time with the one-year anniversary of the nuclear accident in Japan and our relationship. It shows quite graphically that at the turn of the century, Japan’s contribution to Kōloa and Kōloa camp is—how shall we say—etched in cedar. Thank you.”

Senator Tokuda, Chair of the Committee on Education, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

- H.B. No. 2127;
- H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 2;
- H.B. No. 2368, H.D. 1; and
- H.B. No. 2513, H.D. 1.

Senator Tokuda noted:

“We are requesting the waiver to ensure that we are able to hear all necessary House bills by the upcoming dealines.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator English rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Members, you know, this last week we had really, really bad weather, but I do want to let you know that east Maui was especially hard hit. I have an area, a valley called Hānawana, with a land bridge. Do you know what a land bridge is? It was built about a hundred years ago on the kuaonos, on the ridges, and it crossed over. Well, this land bridge collapsed, and so I have about 40 residents on the other side of the land bridge that will have to walk on a very dangerous trail, and it might collapse as well. And this is what’s known as a ‘road in limbo,’ so neither the county claims ownership nor the state. It’s considered an old government road, but which government? So, you know, I have 40 people people on one side that cannot get out.

“In Hāna, we had buildings collapse; we had wind, had roofs blown off of buildings. Uakea Road—the name ‘uakea’ means ‘white rain’—but Uakea Road was completely washed out in one section. I mean, if you look at it, looks like there was no road there at all. We had huge landslides in Nāhiku. Other bridges are very unstable, and this has not necessarily been in the media but it’s been huge, huge damage on the east side of Maui.

“So, I’m going to go home this week, probably tomorrow, to look at what happened and to try and assess on how we can best help. I want to congratulate DOT Highways Division on Maui for getting the people out immediately onto the Hāna Highway; County of Maui for their help in clearing out the roads, making sure that we can open up the pathways, but now we have to deal with repairing, re-building very important infrastructure on the east side. Thank you.”

Senator Slom rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Yesterday, I had the privilege of attending a musical event and fundraiser at Kaimuki High School. It was for the Niu Valley Middle School percussion ensemble, and they are quite a school. Anybody that’s ever heard the percussion group before knows that it’s fantastic, but this year they’re going to be competing in the World Championship in Dayton, Ohio next month. It’s the 2012 Winter Guard International Percussion World Championship, and they’ll be up against high schools, colleges, and universities from around the world. I think it’s fantastic that our Niu Valley School is going to compete. They’re the only middle school to do so; they were outstanding yesterday. Of course, one of the outstanding percussionists was a young man by the name of Jake Taniguchi. I think he’s related—no, not to Brian Taniguchi—to our Senate Clerk, and he was outstanding. The performance also brought back Gabe Baltazar and his quintet, and Kenny Endo and the taiko drums. It was a fantastic event and we’ll be trying to do more to help make sure that the kids from Niu Valley get to Dayton with all of their instruments next month. Thank you, Madam President.”

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:22 p.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012.