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FROM THE EDITORS

With the revival of the Opening Day Ceremonies for the Twenty-Sixth Legislature, there is a shared sense of optimism among the legislators. Members of the community were once again able to enjoy food and festivities with their legislators while sharing their ideas in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

In this issue, we present the bills that Senator English has introduced this session, as well as highlights of influential meetings and important events he has attended. We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH

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2011 HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE BEGINS

Deidre Tegarden, Jean Napuauhi, Helen Nielsen, and Senator English welcome Governor Neil Abercrombie to Opening Day Ceremonies at the Hawai'i State Legislature. Jan. 19, 2011

People from all islands gathered at the Hawai'i State Capital to participate in the Twenty-Sixth Legislature's Opening Day Ceremonies. Senator English invited his close friends and

supporters to accompany him on the senate floor. Legislative offices were once again able to provide the public with food and refreshments while they met with their senators and representatives.

The revival of this occasion after a two year break proved to be both educational and festive for all who attended.



Senator English and new Senate President, Maui Senator Shan Tsutsui. Jan. 19, 2011



Senators: Mike Gabbard, Michelle Kidani, Pohai Ryan, J. Kalani English, Josh Green and Clarence K. Nishihara. Jan. 19, 2011

PACIFICA INSTITUTE ANNUAL DINNER

Senator J. Kalani English was invited to attend the Pacifica Institute Dialogue and Friendship Dinner at the Japanese Cultural Center on Oahu on January 20, 2011. This inaugural annual dinner is the first of events to be held in Hawai'i by the Pacifica Institute in the hopes of utilizing Hawai'i's influence and importance in the pacific realm.

The Pacifica Institute is a non-profit organization, founded in 2003 by the Turkish-American community of California. Their mission is to promote cross-cultural awareness within the diverse communities we live in and help establish a better society where individuals love, respect and accept each other as they are. The Pacifica Institute organizes conferences, panels, public forums and art performances as vehicles to bring people together from different communities and ethnic backgrounds.

For more information visit: www.pacificainstitute.org



Sen. English speaking at the inaugural Pacifica Institute Dialogue and Friendship Dinner. January 20, 2011

2011 OPENING DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Members of the Maui International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142 visited Senator English's office on Opening Day. Many groups and individuals stopped by to show Senator English their support. Jan. 19, 2011.



Sen English's staff for the 26th Legislature: Alan Kekoa Texeira, Chief of Staff; Sharon Lum Ho, Committee Clerk; Aunty Libby Suyat-Kimball, Legislative Aide; Charles Feldman, UH Intern; Cissy Kapiolani Rees, Legislative Aide; Lauraine Ayers-Briel, Community Liaison; (not pictured). Jan. 19, 2011.

POTENTIAL WINDMILL FARMS ON LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I

As our island-state faces greater demands for energy, new and creative solutions are needed to fulfill Hawai'i's growing energy needs. In a recent joint hearing between the Senate Committees on Energy and Environment and Commerce and Consumer Protection, residents of Lana'i and Moloka'i gathered to discuss the construction of wind farms upon their islands.

Those opposed to the wind farms point out the permanent scarring of the landscape and insufficient returns to the residents of these islands. Those in support of the farms indicate that if successful in this first step, the State of Hawai'i will obtain 40% of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. This would significantly reduce the environmental effects of burning fossil fuels to provide Hawai'i its energy needs. In return for producing renewable energy, Hawaiian Electric Company and Castle & Cook proposed a community benefit package for the residents of Lana'i and Moloka'i that would entitle them to electric rates that match those of Oahu, the allotment of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to community proj-

ects such as improving water systems, and the guarantee that these islands would have 100% renewable electricity within 20 years. Sen. English, a strong supporter of renewable energy, pointed out that residents of Lana'i and Moloka'i need to be prepared for the possibility that the wind projects are going to happen, yet on the other hand the developers need to be ready for the possibility that they won't. Even if these farms are not the energy solution that Hawai'i is looking for, Sen. English proclaimed that, "It's a great starting point, but the zone of possible agreement is far higher than the first offer."



Joint info briefing of the Senate Energy and Consumer Protection Committees on the Lana'i and Moloka'i wind projects and interisland cable. Jan. 11, 2011

SENATOR'S EXCHANGE STUDENT SHADOW

This session, Ladydiane Etaga Tanyi, an exchange student from the Republic of Cameroon, had the opportunity to spend the day as Senator English's student shadow. Ladydiane was able to sit in a session of the Hawai'i State Senate and attend various committee meetings with Senator English to observe democracy in action.

During her year long visit in Hawai'i, Ladydiane attended Kailua High School on Oahu and then Hilo High, Hawai'i.

Part of the international Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program, a program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, the YES program provides high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations the opportunity to live in the U.S. with a host family and attend school for an academic year. While in the U.S., these students participate in leadership training, community service, a mentoring project and a week-long Washington DC civic education program.



Exchange Student, Ladydiane Etaga Tanyi from the Republic of Cameroon and Sen. English. Jan. 21, 2011

HONOLULU AIRPORT MODERNIZATION PLANS

The Airlines Committee of Hawai'i (ACH) met with Sen.English and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs to discuss current trends in the local airline industry. The ACH, a non-profit organization comprised of 22 of the 27 signatory airlines that currently serve Hawai'i also discussed future plans on stimulating growth in the islands and the implementation of the Statewide Airports Modernization Plan.

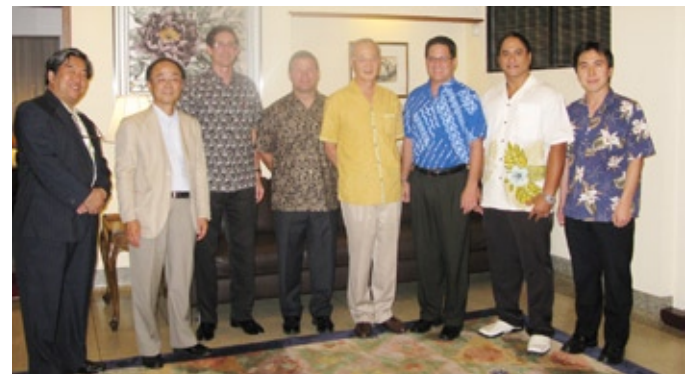
Blaine Miyasato, V.P. of Product Development forHawaiian Airlines briefs the Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee on the Honolulu Airport Modernization Plan (pictured below).



Members of the Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee are updated by the Airlines Committee of Hawai'i. Senators: Donovan Dela Cruz, Ronald Kouchi, Brickwood Galuteria and Chair J. Kalani English. Jan.12, 2011.

HAWAII'S ROLE IN MARITIME SECURITY

Sen. English attended a welcome dinner with the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji Islands, the Consul General of Japan in Honolulu and other dignitaries to discuss Hawai'i's role in the Pacific and maritime security.



Keiichi Tsujino, JTB Hawai'i Inc. President & CEO; Yoshi Kamo, Consul General of Japan in Honolulu; Dr. Gerard Finin, East-West Center, Pacific Islands Development Program Deputy Director; Captain Robert Brogan, U.S. Coast Guard Liaison Officer to U.S. Pacific Command; Yutaka Yoshizawa, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji Islands; Senator English, Jean Napuauhi and Shimpei Ara, Consul for Defense Affairs, Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu. Jan. 26, 2011.

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ternational Affairs

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BILLS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ENGLISH MOVING THROUGH THE 2011 LEGISLATURE

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| SB 816 | Apportions ten per cent of the conveyance tax to the Kaho'olawe rehabilitation trust fund. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 817 | Places Molokini island under the jurisdiction of the Kahoolawe island reserve commission. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 819, SD1 | Authorizes the department of transportation to establish a vehicle miles traveled pilot program to evaluate the use of a vehicle miles traveled user fee. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 823 | Provides procurement authority to semi-autonomous county public transit agencies. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 824, SD1 | Makes null any portion of a motor carrier transportation services contract that requires the carrier to indemnify the other party from any liability. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 825, SD1 | Allows repeat intoxicated drivers to install ignition interlock devices in any vehicle they operate. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 828, SD1 | Requires helmet use when operating or riding motorcycles, bicycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and all-terrain vehicles. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 831 | Establishes a new markets tax credit for a taxpayer that holds a qualified equity investment on a credit allowance date. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 1130 | Requires that all letterheads, documents, symbols, and emblems of the State include both state languages. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 1457 | Authorizes the successor to a small estate to close the estate through a petition process. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 1458 | Creates three classes of medical marijuana licenses: 1) for the sale of medical marijuana to qualified patients; 2) cultivation of medical marijuana; and 3) marijuana-infused products manufacturing. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |
| SB 1460 | Establishes a civil violation of not more than \$100 for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana. |
| Testimony | |
| Status | |