

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

The Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2013, convened at 11:42 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Third Day.

At this time, Senator English introduced Michael Kikukawa, a Moloka'i High School graduate who would matriculate at Harvard University, and Kimberly Svetin, president of Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.

Senator English then congratulated the following Boys & Girls Clubs, State of Hawai'i, 2013 Youth of the Year finalists: Aaren Soriano, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui; Tosha Nohea Taylor, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawai'i; Desiree Kamelamelala, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Island; Katelyn Brown, 2013 Hawai'i Military Youth of the Year; and 2013 Youth of the Year honorees who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Wakai introduced his father- and mother-in-law Akira and Toshiko Matsuo who were visiting from Chiba, Japan, as well as his wife Miki and daughter Cierra who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Thielen introduced Lanikai Public Charter School Principal Ed Noh who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Tokuda introduced former State Representative Lynn Finnegan, executive director of the Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network, and welcomed the following charter schools and their supporters who were seated in the gallery: Halau Ku Mana Public Charter School, Hakipu'u Learning Center Public Charter School, Wai'alaie Elementary Public Charter School, Lanikai Elementary Public Charter School, Kamaile Academy Public Charter School, Ke Kula Ni'ihau 'O Kekaha Learning Center Public Charter School, Ke Kula 'O Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School, Hawai'i Technology Academy Public Charter School, Voyager Public Charter School, Hawai'i Academy of Arts & Sciences Public Charter School, Kanu O Ka 'Aina Public Charter School, Kua O Ka Lā Public Charter School, and the School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability (SEEQS).

Senator Chun Oakland recognized Patrick McNally of the Hawai'i State Library, who was selected as the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i 2012 Librarian of the Year and was accompanied by his wife Frankie Enos.

Senator Taniguchi congratulated Berry Andelin, head of circulation at Manoa Public Library, who was chosen for the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i 2012 Excellence in Service Award and was accompanied by her friend Jenny Lanthier-Welch.

Senator Taniguchi then recognized Julia Segawa of Stevenson Middle School for receiving the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Ms. Segawa was accompanied by her husband Craig; sons Aaron and Isaac; mother Esther Yuan; father- and mother-in-law Carl and Yvonne Segawa; family members Connie Chow, Nancy Chow, Alison Hayashi, Ryan Hayashi, and Frances Yuan-Hayashi; and supporters from Stevenson Middle School including Principal Linell Dilwith, Vice Principal Daniel Addis, Alex Addis, Kenneth Agcaoili, Tanya Leinaala Hall, Leonard Padayhag, Carly Shibata, and James Tanimura.

Senator Ihara recognized Charles Souza, Jr., who was not in attendance, for receiving the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

At 11:57 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:04 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1102) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1102, informing the Senate that on March 15, 2013, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1174, S.D. 1 as Act 2, entitled: "MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Chun Oakland and Green, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 900) recommending that H.B. No. 120, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 120, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Espero, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 901) recommending that H.B. No. 944 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 944, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Espero, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 902) recommending that H.B. No. 1279, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and 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 H.B. No. 1279, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 903) recommending that S.C.R. No. 15, 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. 15, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FORMATION OF A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the majority of the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 904) recommending that H.B. No. 396, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 396, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOXIC PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Green, for the majority of the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 905) recommending that H.B. No. 672, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 672, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 906) recommending that H.B. No. 653 pass Second Reading and 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 H.B. No. 653, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR HAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the majority of the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 907) recommending that H.B. No. 914, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 914, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OBESITY PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the majority of the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 908) recommending that H.B. No. 411, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 411, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 909) recommending that H.B. No. 407, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and 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 H.B. No. 407, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 910) recommending that H.B. No. 79, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 79, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 911) recommending that H.B. No. 62, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 62, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 912) recommending that H.B. No. 417, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and 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 H.B. No. 417, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Green and Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 913) recommending that H.B. No. 879, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 879, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Green and Baker, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 914) recommending that S.C.R. No. 18, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 18, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF OBESITY PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Galuteria and Tokuda, for the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 915) recommending that H.B. No. 224, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 224, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Green, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 916) recommending that H.B. No. 373 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 373, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAMMOGRAPHY REPORTING," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 896 (Gov. Msg. No. 638):

Senator Green moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 896 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

Senator Green then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ALICIA DAMIEN LAU to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2016, seconded by Senator Baker.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Shimabukuro).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 897 (Gov. Msg. No. 639):

Senator Green moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 897 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

Senator Green then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SHEILA CALCAGNO to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2016, seconded by Senator Baker.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Shimabukuro).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 898 (Gov. Msg. No. 546):

Senator Green moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 898 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

Senator Green then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DAVID KOPEC to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2016, seconded by Senator Baker.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Shimabukuro).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 899 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 549, 640, 641 and 642):

Senator Green moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 899 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

Senator Green then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board of the following:

CHIREE SOUZA, term to expire June 30, 2016 (Gov. Msg. No. 549);

LUCAS BRUNO, term to expire June 30, 2014 (Gov. Msg. No. 640);

PETER GONZALEZ, term to expire June 30, 2015 (Gov. Msg. No. 641); and

KARIN PHANEUF, term to expire June 30, 2015 (Gov. Msg. No. 642),

seconded by Senator Baker.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Shimabukuro).

REFERRAL OF

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of Senate concurrent resolutions offered on Friday, March 8, 2013; Monday, March 11, 2013; Tuesday, March 12, 2013; and Wednesday, March 13, 2013:

S.C.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.C.R. No. 85	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.C.R. No. 86	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 87	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 88	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 89	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 90	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 91	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 92	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 93	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
S.C.R. No. 94	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

S.C.R. No. 95	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 96	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 115	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 97	Committee on Education		
S.C.R. No. 98	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 116	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 99	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.C.R. No. 117	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 100	Committee on Judiciary and Labor		
S.C.R. No. 101	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 118	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 102	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 119	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 103	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 104	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 120	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 105	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 106	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 121	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 107	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 108	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, the Committee on Human Services, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs	S.C.R. No. 122	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 109	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 123	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 110	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 124	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.C.R. No. 111	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 125	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 112	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 126	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 113	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.C.R. No. 127	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 114	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment, the Committee on	S.C.R. No. 128	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on

	Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 129	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 145	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 130	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 146	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services
S.C.R. No. 131	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.C.R. No. 147	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 132	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 148	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 133	Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 149	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.C.R. No. 134	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor		
S.C.R. No. 135	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.C.R. No. 150	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 136	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.C.R. No. 151	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 137	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 152	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 138	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 153	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 139	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.C.R. No. 154	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 140	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.C.R. No. 155	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 141	Committee on Technology and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 156	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment, the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 142	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 157	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
S.C.R. No. 143	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs	S.C.R. No. 158	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 144	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health,	S.C.R. No. 159	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		S.C.R. No. 160	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military

	Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 161	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health	S.C.R. No. 177	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 162	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.C.R. No. 178	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 163	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing	S.C.R. No. 179	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 164	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.C.R. No. 180	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land, the Committee on Energy and Environment, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 165	Jointly to the Committee on Education, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 181	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 166	Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 182	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 167	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 183	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 168	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 184	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 169	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 185	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 170	Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 186	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 171	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 187	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 172	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.C.R. No. 188	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
S.C.R. No. 173	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Technology and the Arts		
S.C.R. No. 174	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 175	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.C.R. No. 176	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing,		

S.C.R. No. 189	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Environment	March 11, 2013; Tuesday, March 12, 2013; and Wednesday, March 13, 2013:	
		S.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.C.R. No. 190	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 51	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.C.R. No. 191	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 52	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 192	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 53	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 193	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, the Committee on Health, and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 54	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Water and Land
S.C.R. No. 194	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 55	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 195	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 56	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 196	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.R. No. 57	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 197	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 58	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 198	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 59	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
S.C.R. No. 199	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 60	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 200	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 61	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 201	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Agriculture	S.R. No. 62	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.C.R. No. 202	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 63	Committee on Education
		S.R. No. 64	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		S.R. No. 65	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
		S.R. No. 66	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
		S.R. No. 67	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		S.R. No. 68	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Judiciary

REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of Senate resolutions offered on Friday, March 8, 2013; Monday,

	and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 69	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 85	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 70	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.R. No. 71	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 86	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land
S.R. No. 72	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 87	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 73	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.R. No. 74	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, the Committee on Human Services, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 88	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.R. No. 75	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 89	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
S.R. No. 76	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 90	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 77	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 91	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 78	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 92	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 79	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 93	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 80	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 94	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 81	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 95	Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 82	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 96	Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 83	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 97	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
S.R. No. 84	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,	S.R. No. 98	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
		S.R. No. 99	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Ways and Means
		S.R. No. 100	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety,

	Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor		then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 101	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.R. No. 117	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 102	Committee on Technology and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.R. No. 103	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs	S.R. No. 118	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health
S.R. No. 104	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 119	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 105	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 120	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
S.R. No. 106	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services	S.R. No. 121	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
S.R. No. 107	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 122	Jointly to the Committee on Education, the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 108	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	S.R. No. 123	Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 109	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 124	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 110	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 125	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 111	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Technology and the Arts	S.R. No. 126	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 112	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		
S.R. No. 113	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 127	Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 114	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment, the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 128	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 115	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs	S.R. No. 129	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 116	Jointly to the Committee on Technology and the Arts and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,	S.R. No. 130	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
		S.R. No. 131	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing,

	then to the Committee on Ways and Means		and the Committee on Energy and Environment
S.R. No. 132	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 145	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 133	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 146	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 134	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 147	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, the Committee on Health, and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 135	Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 148	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 136	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land, the Committee on Energy and Environment, and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 149	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 137	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 150	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 138	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.R. No. 151	Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 139	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	S.R. No. 152	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.R. No. 140	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	REFERRAL OF A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION The President made the following committee assignments of a House concurrent resolution received on Monday, March 18, 2013: H.C.R. No.: Referred to: H.C.R. No. 46 Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	
S.R. No. 141	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Technology and the Arts		
S.R. No. 142	Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS The Chair re-referred the following House bills that were received: H.B. No.: Re-referred to: H.B. No. 174, H.D. 2 Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means H.B. No. 252, H.D. 2 Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor	
S.R. No. 143	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education, the Committee on Water and Land, and the Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs		
S.R. No. 144	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs		

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

S.C.R. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.C.R. No. 109	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE RESOLUTION

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

S.R. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.R. No. 75	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

The Senate reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Senator Gabbard, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Environment, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 to hold a public hearing on H.B. No. 106, H.D. 2.

Senator Gabbard noted:

“The measure allows the counties to establish a permitting process for geothermal development in ag, rural, and urban districts. I’m requesting this waiver because all three committees reached agreement to hear this bill after the 72-hour notice requirement.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Gabbard announced that the Committee on Energy and Environment, Committee on Water and Land, and Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs would hold a public hearing on H.B. No. 106, H.D. 2 on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

Senator Ige rose to announce that the Committee on Ways and Means would be reconvening its public hearing on the State Budget at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon in Conference Room 211.

Senator Nishihara, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 to hold a public hearing on H.B. No. 174, H.D. 2.

Senator Nishihara noted:

“First, I’d like to make it clear that this is a food labeling and not an anti-GMO bill, nor is it a pro-bioengineering bill. We initially took the position of not hearing the bill based on the attorney general’s opinion. The bill is likely to be found unconstitutional for many reasons; however, the attorney general will be able to explain his opinion when it’s time.

“Anyway, because we heard the public’s passionate response and requests to hear the bill through phone calls, emails, etc., we believe that it’s perhaps prudent that we do hear the bill.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Nishihara announced that the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and the Committee on Health would hold a public hearing on H.B. No. 174, H.D. 2 on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 229.

Senator Tokuda rose to announce that Education Week would be continuing the following day with events in the rotunda including health screenings and band and cheer performances from the University of Hawai‘i.

Senator Baker rose to remind the members that the Women’s Legislative Caucus would be collecting Easter basket donations for women at the Institute for Human Services.

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

“This is probably not the point you folks think I’m going to make because I’ll make that point at a different time. But I did want to thank the chairmen – the appropriate chairs – on hearing the bill regarding labeling.

“The point I want to make is this: it’s easy to use the attorney general when it’s convenient. I’ve always said the attorney general’s opinion is like an armpit: everybody has two. And when it smells right, you use the attorney general; and when it doesn’t smell right, you beat the attorney general over the head. Quite frankly, this is an issue of the right to know, plain and simple. The right to know: that’s the issue. And the right to know is a health issue. So, while it took such a long time – it’s almost like an epiphany that the bill’s going to be heard – there are a lot of solutions at hand. And so, well, quite frankly, I guess those who made the decision should be commended on hearing the bill on the right to know. Thank you.”

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

“As was announced a little while ago, Ways and Means will continue after this session. And this morning, we heard from a steady parade of the governor’s men and women, who all came before Ways and Means to beg for more money and to tell us that their department, their agency, was the most important and the number one priority. And it was interesting to me, Madam President, that all of them thanked the Ways and Means Committee for the money that they have received over the years and that they hope to receive this time. Not one person thanked the taxpayers, which is the source of all the money and oftentimes we seem to forget in this building, and I think it’s something that we should never forget – that it’s the taxpayers that pay for everything and all of us.

“And along those lines, in Judiciary this morning I voted against the bill for expanded and extended public financing. I have stood in support of almost every campaign spending reform bill and transparency bill, but I’ve always opposed public financing. Why should we ask the taxpayers to pay for politicians? That is the question and I think we should all examine that.

“And that goes along with the action that occurred yesterday; all these things are tied together. Yesterday, the State Commission on Salaries announced its recommendations for yet another round of salary increases for those of us in public office in the Legislature, the executive branch, and the Judiciary. And some of my colleagues may recall that I had campaigned against that constitutional amendment back in 2006 that allowed for the establishment of the Commission on Salaries, saying that all you’re going to do is guarantee that salaries and compensation for public officials will continue to increase, particularly in times when people are struggling in this economy.

“I think that it was Senator Bob Hogue and myself who were the last senators to vote – to be able to vote – on a salary increase, and we both voted ‘no’ at that time. And now we have a process that does not even have a public hearing. So, while we may have labeling hearings, we don’t have a hearing about

the expenses that the taxpayers are forced to pay. We don't even have an opportunity to vote 'no,' unless we have a concurrent resolution before the end of the session to vote 'no' on everybody's salary increase, and that's not likely to happen.

"So, I think that in all of this mad rush to try to prioritize our expenditures, we should not forget that it's the taxpayers of our city, our state, that are footing the bill for everything and that they are struggling right now. Thank you, Madam President."

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:10 p.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2013.