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## SENATOR ENGLISH ELECTED TO HEAD INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION



*Sen. J. Kalani English chairs the Committee of the Whole at the 27th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Guam, 5 May 2008*

### First Hawai'i legislator to lead association of Pacific Island nations and states.

HONOLULU – Hawai'i State Senator J. Kalani English has been elected president of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), a voluntary organization representing twelve states from around the Pacific. The first Hawai'i legislator elected to lead APIL, Senator English previously served two terms as the association's vice president.

"It is an honor to be selected by my colleagues to serve as president of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures," English said. "We are looking at a number of areas of mutual interest where regional cooperation, coordination,

exchange and assistance can help our individual governments achieve important goals through collective action. I'm pleased that Hawai'i will play a role in these efforts, and that I will have an opportunity to contribute to helping improve the lives of our Pacific Island neighbors."

Walden Weilbacher of the APIL Secretariat said, "It has been a pleasure working with Senator English as our vice-president, and we are proud to have him as our new president. He brings to the office an expertise and unique perspective that will be extremely valuable to APIL as we continue our efforts to serve our member states."

APIL also includes three affiliated organizations: the Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB), a regional development finance institution established by APIL to assist member countries in accelerating their economic and social development through lending and other programs; the Ayuda

*APIL General Assembly, Committee of the Whole, Guam 5 May 2008*



## A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 2008 legislative session has adjourned, and Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i and Kaho'olawe have all gained much in the process. Our Senate team has ensured that our way of life on these islands is enhanced and that worthy projects are funded and set to go. Indeed, we are fortunate that some of the most remote areas like Hana and Kalaupapa will get badly needed infrastructure improvements. Of course, Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i also received funding via the state budget and other bills.

During the interim I will be in your towns and villages to talk story and to see how you are doing. I want to know about the quality of your life and how I can help you to create contentment and well-being in our communities.

I look forward to seeing you as I travel around our beautiful district. Please also feel free to invite me to your events, meetings and gatherings. Together, all things are possible.

Aloha, *J. Kalani English*





*Teburoro Sito, Member of Parliament & former President of Kiribati with Sen. English, 6 May 2008*

*For more information:*

*Association of Pacific Island Legislatures: <http://www.pacificlegislatures.com>*

*Pacific Islands Development Bank: <http://www.pacificidb.com>*

*Ayuda Foundation: <http://www.ayudafoundation.org>*

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Foundation, a humanitarian organization which offers a number of medical and educational programs to assist the Association in achieving its goals; and Reach Out Pacific (REPAC), a Hawai'i-based organization that delivers medical and other supplies to the Pacific.

Aren Palik, president and CEO of PIDB, looks forward to Senator English's leadership as the region faces new challenges. "We are always looking for fresh perspectives," said Palik. "Economic and social development have to take place in an ever-changing global landscape. Experience has shown that Senator English will be an effective leader and ally in fulfilling our mission."

Carlotta Leon-Guerrero, Executive Director of the Ayuda Foundation, said, "Senator English has always been a great supporter of our foundation, and I welcome his continued leadership with APIL. We all look forward to his assistance as we continue to help others."

Senator English was elected president at the APIL's 27th General Assembly in Guam. His one year term will begin on October 1, 2008. The other officers for the term are Delegate William Ngiraikelau, Vice-President from the Republic of Palau; Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Secretary from Guam; and Vice Speaker Alik J. Alik, Treasurer from the Marshall Islands' Parliament.

Among the Pacific Island states participating in the APIL are American Samoa; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) State of Chuuk; FSM State of Kosrae; FSM State of Pohnpei; FSM State of Yap; Island of Guam; Republic of the Marshall Islands; Republic of Palau; State of Hawai'i; Republic of Kiribati; and Republic of Nauru.



*Sen. English explains the Harbor Modernization Plan on PBS TV program, "Everybody's Business" with Howard Dicus. 23 May 2008.*

## HARBORS MODERNIZATION PLAN BEGINS

At a recent ceremony at Kahului Harbor, Governor Lingle signed **SB3227**, the six-year statewide Harbors Modernization Plan, into law as Act 200. The upgrade will address long-overdue improvements to accommodate projected increases in the ocean transportation of cargo and passengers to and between the islands of Hawai'i through 2030.

Act 200 authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds to finance the harbor improvements. The comprehensive, system-wide Harbors Modernization Plan includes harbor infrastructure improvements to Kahului and Hana Harbors on Maui; Nawiliwili on Kaua'i; Hilo and Kawaihae Harbors on the Big Island; and Honolulu and Kalaehoa Harbors on O'ahu.

For Kahului Harbor, the bill specifies pier repairs and expansion, purchasing land on the harbor's east side, bulking up Pier 2B, moving exist-

ing cement silos and improving Pier 1A's fuel line but does not provide funds for improvement of the Hawai'i Superferry facilities.

Senator J. Kalani English, Senate Transportation Chair and one of the sponsors of the original bill, addressed his colleagues and the crowd at the Harbor's signing event. "I acknowledge the Hawai'i Harbor Users Group, Governor Lingle and Rep. Joe Souki for the collaborative efforts that make this plan one of the largest infrastructure renewal projects in this state's modern history. This is what we can do when we work together." *continued on pg.3*

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“Kahului harbor, one of the state’s twelve harbors, will continue to serve Maui businesses with an unobstructed flow of supplies, and Hana Harbor will have an infrastructure that insures access in time of emergency,” added Sen. English.

Kahului Harbor is the busiest neighbor island commercial harbor and the third busiest harbor in the state.

In addition to the six commercial harbors included in the original

Harbors Modernization Plan, SB3227 authorizes twenty million dollars in CIP revenue bonds for improvements to Hana Harbor. As part of the plan, with the exception of the small boat ramp, the DOT will assume jurisdiction of Hana Harbor from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to make the necessary upgrades. The improvements will ensure the Hana community has a working pier that can support their needs, especially in times of emergencies and natural disasters.

“This is the kind of once-in-a-generation challenge that shows what we can do to address our most pressing long-term needs,” Senator English said. “Hana Harbor is a good example of how our smaller facilities can mean a lot to our transportation infrastructure. We have seen how vulnerable the area is to forces beyond our control, like the continuing effects of the 2006 earthquake. Returning a working harbor to the Hana area will give us more flexibility in dealing with our community’s needs in response to crises.”



Sen. English, Sen. Roz Baker and Rep. Joe Souki join members of the Harbors Users Group as the Governor signs SB 3227 into law at Kahului Harbor, 20 June 2008.

## MAUI TV NEWS



Jeff King of **Maui TV News** interviews Senator English about the history and writing of the Kalaupapa Apology Resolution, **Senate Concurrent Resolution 208**.

During the interview, Sen. English announced that he will offer the apology on behalf of the State of Hawai’i to the people of Kalaupapa in a ceremony in early August, 2008. To view this exclusive interview in its entirety, please visit:

<http://www.mauiTVnews.com/Show/Kalaupapa-extended.htm>

## HIGHWAY GROWS



Sen. J. Kalani English and Chad Goodfellow celebrate the completion of the \$87 million Mokulele Highway Widening Project. Traffic capacity has been increased to a four-lane divided highway for 6.5 miles of the main corridor between Kahului and South Maui. 27 May 2008

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## MANY CONGRATULATIONS



*Leilani Miranda of Ha'iku graduates from St. Anthony High School in Wailuku. She will major in Hawaiian Studies at Maui Community College.*



*Sen. English meets with the Hana Business Council, 20 June 2008*



*Senator English congratulates Jeff Peterson from Makawao (middle) and his wife Kahea (left) for winning the 2008 Instrumental Album of the Year Na Hoku Hanohano award for his album, "Pure Slack Key." Also from Upcounty, Napua Greig won the 2008 Female Vocalist of the Year Award for her album, "Pihana." Congratulations to both of our Up-country winners.*



*Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori, US Ambassador Miriam K. Hughes and Hawaii Senator J. Kalani English meet at the President's Office, Palikir, Pohnpei 12 May 2008*



*Sen. English talks story with Hana Kupuna Bubs (left) and Babes (right) Hanchett, Hana Bay, 24 June 2008*

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◀ Senator English wishes to extend his Congratulations to all graduates from high schools in the 6th District, including:

Molokai High School  
Lanai High School  
Hana High School  
King Kekaulike High School  
Kamehameha Schools – Maui Campus

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