H.B. NO. 2496-78

A Bill for an Act Relating to Holidays.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. In the past, Hawai'i's monarchs were recognized and revered for their contributions to the development and protection of Hawai'i. As time progressed, however, the familiarity of our recent monarchs has been lost. When a holiday is celebrated in their honor, it is only right that the full name be cited, perhaps in that small way again making the monarchs of the past recognizable to the people of the day.

It is the purpose of this Act to change the names of the holidays for the Hawaiian monarchs to include their full names and, or, title. This Act also designates the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

SECTION 2. Section 8-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-1 Holidays designated. The following days of each year are set apart and established as state holidays:

The first day of January, New Year's Day;

The third Monday in February, Presidents' Day;

The twenty-sixth day of March, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Day:

The Friday preceding Easter Sunday, Good Friday;

The last Monday in May, Memorial Day;

The eleventh day of June, King Kamehameha I Day;

The fourth day of July, Independence Day;

The third Friday in August, Admission Day;

The first Monday in September, Labor Day;

The second Monday in October, Discoverers' Day;

The eleventh day in November, Veterans' Day;

The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day;

The twenty-fifth day of December, Christmas Day;

All election days, except primary election day, in the county wherein the election is held;

Any day designated by proclamation by the President of the United States or by the governor as a [day of Thanksgiving, fasting or religious observance;] holiday;

Any day designated by proclamation by the governor as a holiday.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. (Approved June 3, 1978.)