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The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Special Session of 2020, was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation, which was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

“Proclamation

October 1, 2020

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, and at the written request of two-thirds of the members to which the Senate is entitled, do hereby convene the Senate in Special Session as sought in the petition at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020, in the State Capitol Senate Chambers, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities established by Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

/s/ Ronald D. Kouchi
RONALD D. KOUCHI
President of the Senate”

The President then announced:

“Before we proceed any further, I would like to note for the record that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic qualifies as a ‘catastrophic disaster’ as defined in Senate Rule 38.5 and there is ‘good cause’ for authorizing Senate members to continue participating in any meeting of members via virtual attendance as set forth in Senate Rule 38.5 for the duration of this Special Session.”

The Roll was then called showing all Senators present, with Senators Baker, Chang, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Keohokalole, Rhoads, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, and Thielen present and participating via videoconference.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KAREN T. NAKASONE as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 7) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KARIN L. HOLMA to the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 2, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of TRACY S. FUKUI to the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 3, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of BRYANT G.F.Y. ZANE to the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 4, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of ANDREW T. PARK to the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 5, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of COURTNEY N. NASO to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 6, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of ELIZABETH PAEK-HARRIS to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 7, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of THOMAS A.K. HAIA to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this time, Senator Rhoads announced that the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 7 at 10:30 a.m.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 7 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 7. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 10:06 a.m., the Senate took the following actions:

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KAREN T. NAKASONE as Associate Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 and Gov. Msg. No. 1 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KARIN L. HOLMA to the

District Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of TRACY S. FUKUI to the District Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 2.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 and Jud. Com. No. 2 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of BRYANT G.F.Y. ZANE to the District Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 3.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4 and Jud. Com. No. 3 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of ANDREW T. PARK to the District Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 4.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 5 and Jud. Com. No. 4 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of COURTNEY N. NASO to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 5.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 6 and Jud. Com. No. 5 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 7) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of ELIZABETH PAEK-HARRIS to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 6.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 7 and Jud. Com. No. 6 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 8) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of THOMAS A.K. HAIA to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 7.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 8 and Jud. Com. No. 7 was deferred until Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2020.