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**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Third Special Session of 2022, 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 17, 2022

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, 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 Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in the State Capitol Auditorium, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities established by Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

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

At 10:01 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

The Roll was then called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators DeCoite, Ihara, Rhoads, and Riviere who were excused.

**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 JAMES S. KAWASHIMA as Judge of the State of Hawaii First Circuit Court, 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 and 2) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of TIMOTHY E. HO 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 JOHN ALBERTO MONTALBANO 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 Keohokalole announced that the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 229.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

On motion by Senator Kanuha, 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 and 2. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 10:05 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 JAMES S. KAWASHIMA as Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, 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 Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of TIMOTHY E. HO as Judge of 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 Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of JOHN ALBERTO MONTALBANO as Judge of the District Family 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 Thursday, October 20, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2022.