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The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Special Session of 2023, was called to order at 11:32 a.m., by Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation, which was read by the Clerk:

“Proclamation

August 17, 2023

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirty-Second 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 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023, in the State Capitol Senate Chamber, 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”

The Chair stated:

REMARKS

The Proclamation was then placed on file.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators DeCoite, Ihara, Lee, McKelvey, and Moriwaki 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 nomination of JORDON J. KIMURA as Judge of the State of Hawaii Circuit Court of the First Circuit, 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 3) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of ERIKA E. IRELAND 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 ROBERT J. BROWN 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 DAVID M. HAYAKAWA to the District 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 the measures at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon in Conference Room 016.

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

REMARKS

Senator Fevella announced the opening of a warehouse on Keawe Street in Kaka’ako that would be used to sort and organize donated items before shipment. Senator Fevella thanked the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who had worked with Lieutenant Governor Luke and Senator DeCoite to expedite the opening of the warehouse. Senator Fevella also thanked Makana O Ke Akua, the Hawaii Community Foundation, the Maui Food Bank, and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement for putting together the donations arriving at the warehouse.

The Chair made the following comments:

REMARKS

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file the standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3 is 6:00 p.m. today.”

Senator Keith-Agaran rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

REMARKS

Senator Wakai expressed his gratitude to the Sergeant-at-Arms office, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Park Kaleiwahea in particular, for putting together the donation drive at the Capitol. Senator Wakai noted that the effort was well organized and would be well received by the people of Maui.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 11:43 a.m., on a rising vote, observing a moment of silence in honor and memory of the Maui wildfire victims, 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 JORDON J. KIMURA 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 Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of ERIKA E. IRELAND 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 Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of ROBERT J. BROWN as Judge of 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, August 22, 2023.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of DAVID M. HAYAKAWA as Judge of 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, August 22, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2023.