



Senator English Meets With President of Tahiti Nui and Key Pacific Island Leaders



Sen. English was welcomed to Tahiti Nui by President Oscar Temaru.

Sen. J. Kalani English traveled throughout the Pacific in the weeks after the adjournment of the 2006 Legislative Session, meeting with a wide variety of government leaders. In Tahiti Nui, the Senator was given a warm welcome by President Oscar Manutahi Temaru, a longtime champion of economic self-reliance for his country. The two have known each other for 20 years, since Sen. English represented the Federated States of Micronesia at the United Nations. Sen. English then traveled to Saipan, where he addressed the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)'s 25th General Assembly on the subject of energy independence. Hawai'i is one of 12 members of APIL, along with the Republics of the Marshall Islands, Palau, Nauru, and Kiribati; American Samoa; the Federated States of Micronesia Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap; Guam; and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Sen. English has just returned from the APIL General Assembly as this newsletter goes to press. A full account will appear in our July 15 edition.

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A Message From Kalani

Aloha,

The interim between legislative sessions is a busy time for our office. It is a time to confer with lawmakers from our Pacific island neighbors, as well as my colleagues from state legislatures around the country.

Our Capitol office remains open year-round, and my staff and I hope you will share any questions or concerns you may have.

Aloha,



Sen. English Presents Senate Resolution to Mayor of Taputapuatea

In the photo at right, Ka'uhane Lee, President of the Ke Ala 'Olino Native Cultural Center; Thomas Moutame, Mayor of Taputapuatea; Sen. English, and Makalapua Kanuha visit the Marae at Taputapuatea on the island of Ra'iatea, one of the most important sites in the Pacific. Ka'uhane Lee is the Director of the upcoming Maohi Native Cultural Festival, to be held in Tahiti in November; Ms. Kanuha is her assistant. This year's Legislature passed a resolution sponsored by Sen. English "recognizing the importance of a cultural exchange between the people of Hawai'i and the island of Ra'iatea and requesting Ke Ala 'Olino Native Cultural Center to convene a task force to help facilitate a cultural exchange." The resolution text reads: "in ancient times, priests traveled from Polynesian islands throughout the Pacific to the Taputapuatea Marae, a sacred temple... the people of Hawai'i can celebrate their common Polynesian ancestry with the people of Ra'iatea through a cultural exchange between the two communities." The resolution, SCR83, is printed online. If you are reading this newsletter online, you can click on the the resolution number for the full text.



PUC, Young Brothers to Hold Public Hearings on Kahului Harbor Service

Young Brothers, Ltd. has asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve an operational plan that would end small cargo shipments, referred to as less than container load service (LCL) to and from the Port of Kahului, in January 2007. The plan cannot be implemented without PUC approval, and the public is urged to provide input. The PUC has scheduled a community hearing on this date:

Monday, July 3, 6 p.m., Lihikai Elementary School
335 South Papa Avenue, Kahului

Young Brothers has scheduled community meetings on Maui on these dates:

Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. Lahaina Intermediate Cafeteria
871 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina

Wednesday, June 21, 5:30 p.m., Baldwin High School Multipurpose Room
1650 Kaahumanu Avenue, Wailuku

Thursday, June 22, 5:30 p.m., Kalama Intermediate Cafeteria
120 Makani Road, Makawao

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