

FOURTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 6, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:04 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Ward, who was excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Day was deferred.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Tam introduced Camron Hurt from Common Cause Hawai'i.

Representative Templo introduced Maribel Baladjay, director, Republic of the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs in San Nicolas; from the United San Nicoleneans, USA: Rosemarie Cayanan Aquino, public relations officer; Kathy Marcos Cayanan, Board of Directors; and Pamela Espejo, member; and Mary Jane Sales from Maui.

Representative Iwamoto introduced Eduardo Hernandez, advocacy director, Hawai'i Bicycling League.

At 12:09 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

At 12:43 p.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess, and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 183) recommending that H.B. No. 531, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 531, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 184) recommending that H.B. No. 1320, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1320, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1320, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Takayama and Marten, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 185) recommending that H.B. No. 553, as amended

in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 553, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. With reservations, brief comment. Same reservations as those that I raised with House Bill 139, House Draft 1, Stand Comm Report Number 65, yesterday. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 553, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Belatti voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 186) recommending that H.B. No. 1300, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1300, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1300, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 187) recommending that H.B. No. 1427, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1427, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1427, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AVIAN INFLUENZA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 188) recommending that H.B. No. 940, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 940, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 940, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO,"

passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 189) recommending that H.B. No. 1202, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1202, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 190) recommending that H.B. No. 1291, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1291, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 191) recommending that H.B. No. 719, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 719, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 719, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 192) recommending that H.B. No. 1184, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1184, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED-ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 193) recommending that H.B. No. 1337, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1337, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1337, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENDEMIC PLANTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with

Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Kahaloa and Tam, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 194) recommending that H.B. No. 189, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 189, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 195) recommending that H.B. No. 491, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 491, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND LEASES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 196) recommending that H.B. No. 314, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 314, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 314, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADAPTATION PATHWAYS PLANNING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 197) recommending that H.B. No. 1233, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1233, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1233, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Health, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 198) recommending that H.B. No. 1358, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1358, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"I would like to make a disclosure, Madam Speaker. My brother is the vice chair of the Board of Trustees and the chair of the Committee on Investment and Land Management at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. And this bill appropriates moneys to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to facilitate the hiring of necessary staff and the purchase of equipment and professional services on behalf of the Public Land Trust Working Group. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Souza, stating:

"Thank you. And no conflict, as mentioned earlier."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1358, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 199) recommending that H.B. No. 640, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 640, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 200) recommending that H.B. No. 958, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 958, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 201) recommending that H.B. No. 543, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 543, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 202) recommending that H.B. No. 708, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 708, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 708, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Evslin and Kila, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No.

203) recommending that H.B. No. 1484, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1484, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1484, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 204) recommending that H.B. No. 528, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 528, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL LEASEHOLDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 205) recommending that H.B. No. 276, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 276, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 206) recommending that H.B. No. 463, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 463, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 463, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION RECORDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Pierick and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 207) recommending that H.B. No. 1467, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1467, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1467, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESILIENCY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 208) recommending that H.B. No. 1096, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1096, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TENANT SELECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 209) recommending that H.B. No. 737, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 737, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 210) recommending that H.B. No. 741, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 741, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 741, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 211) recommending that H.B. No. 1008, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1008, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS OF STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 212) recommending that H.B. No. 467, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 467, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORECLOSURES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 213) recommending that H.B. No. 466, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 466, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 466, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Amato and Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 214) recommending that H.B. No. 1294, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1294, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1294, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 215) recommending that H.B. No. 830, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 830, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 216) recommending that H.B. No. 1013, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1013, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 217) recommending that H.B. No. 89, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 89, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 89, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 218) recommending that H.B. No. 464, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 464, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 219) recommending that H.B. No. 745, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 745, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 220) recommending that H.B. No. 420, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 420, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 420, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMEDIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 221) recommending that H.B. No. 1410, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1410, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Belatti rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Madam Speaker, this bill, now more than ever, is going to be critical. And I know that it's unusual to stand up and speak on second reading, but this bill is really important. This bill seeks to impose greater taxes on people who are selling properties that are between \$6 million and \$10 million. Who can afford \$6 million to \$10 million properties? Only the uber wealthy amongst us.

"But that's not the only reason to support this bill with full heart and support behind it. It's also because of what we create with the special fund through a supportive housing special fund where we will dedicate 8% or \$10 million. Why is this important to me as the chair of the Committee on Public Safety? What did we hear over the last few days? We need more supportive housing. This is the bill that could do that.

"Madam Speaker, last week we experienced chaos caused by an administration far from these shores, threatening to take away funds from nonprofit organizations that provide rent to supportive housing projects. That threat is still there. We need bills like this to move for the working class, local families of this state who cannot afford \$6 million residential properties, who cannot afford the \$10 million residential properties. This measure is what sets us apart and makes us and helps us to ensure that we protect our social safety net. So, in strong support, Speaker. Thank you."

Representative Perruso rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Madam Speaker, in strong support. And I'd like to enter the words of my colleague from Makiki into the record as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Hussey rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Madam Speaker, same request. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Alcos rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Speaker, with reservations. I like to see that we tax higher outside investors or foreign investors. But making it higher taxes on local families that invested their life savings to better themselves and even tax them higher, I feel that the local people should, we be protecting instead of increasing taxes for them. Thank you so much."

Representative Matsumoto rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"Although I support the measure's intent to increase funding to housing programs, I hold reservations regarding restructuring the conveyance tax system in a manner that increases the conveyance tax rates to achieve this. For this reason, I vote with reservations."

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I diverge from most of my Republican colleagues in relation to HB 1410, HD 1 in that I believe that we should restructure the conveyance tax system to promote even-handedness and to relieve any disproportionate burden on the middle class. Moreover, I believe we should, as the bill states: increase the tax rate on non-owner-occupied homes valued at \$2,000,000; slightly increase the tax rate on owner-occupied homes valued at over \$6,000,000; and ensure revenue neutrality for owner-occupied homes valued at \$6,000,000 and under and non-owner-occupied homes valued at \$2,000,000 and under through the adjusted marginal rate structure. This revenue will help our local people with supportive housing. It is not a paradigm shift for fiscal conservatives to support measures such as this bill. Instead, we must examine each measure for the totality of its merits and not just for the very nature that it increases taxes. Ultimately, it is imperative that we first and foremost rate its merits on what this bill strives to achieve, instead of the burden it might impose on the very wealthy."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1410, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Alcos and Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 222) recommending that H.B. No. 1318, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1318, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1318, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 223) recommending that H.B. No. 461, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 461, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 461, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUTING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 224) recommending that H.B. No. 790, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 790, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 790, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 225) recommending that H.B. No. 932, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 932, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 932, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREEN BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 226) recommending that H.B. No. 1077, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology and the Committee on Tourism.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1077, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology and the Committee on Tourism, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1077, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology and the Committee on Tourism, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 227) recommending that H.B. No. 1307, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1307, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 228) recommending that H.B. No. 1459, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1459, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Reyes Oda rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1459, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Transportation, with Representatives Matsumoto and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 229) recommending that H.B. No. 1495, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1495, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 230) recommending that H.B. No. 982, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 982, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Amato rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This bill will pass along wildfire negligence costs from HECO to consumers. A tariff rider is a supplemental charge on a utility bill that is not included in the base rate. Section B-3 of this bill says the PUC may create a nonbypassable wildfire discrete tariff rider recovery charge and other financing costs where the recovery charge, meaning this cost can be passed on to consumers, and also via securitization, would allow HECO to sell unpaid utility debt collections from broken or in debt Maui families to finance this.

"There's a fundamental disconnect with having a public utility that is privately owned and operated for profit. The fiduciary responsibility for profit generation is at odds with good, safe service at low cost. Which explains why we have antiquated distribution on Maui, yet the highest rates in the entire country.

"Considering that in Hawai'i we have the highest electric costs in the nation, I think it's time we reconsider for-profit public utilities when taxpayers have to bail them out. And at a minimum, as a body, we ought not to let a for-profit entity pass along its debt via supplemental charges to those it serves. Given the current administration, I urge us to be working for the people who put us in office, not for the corporations. It is time we stand up for the rights of the middle class. Please join me in voting no on this utility securitization bill. *Mahalo*."

At 12:57 p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess, and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 982, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Lowen and Kahaloa, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 231) recommending that H.B. No. 760, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 760, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Reyes Oda rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 760, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 232) recommending that H.B. No. 547, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Culture & Arts.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 547, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Culture & Arts, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In support. I had some constituents reach out to me with concerns about feral cats. And they believe that too many cats running free in the streets is a bother to them and others, and the list can go on and on about how detailed these grievances are. And so, I did a town hall with a senator, and we had many community advocates with regards to I'm trying to help the cats, talk about what are some humane ways we can decrease their population that are running wild. And this bill will do that. So, thank you for having this bill be heard and moved along in the process."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 547, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Culture & Arts, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 233) recommending that H.B. No. 1185, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1185, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1185, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Kahaloa and Tam, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 234) recommending that H.B. No. 966, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 966, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 235) recommending that H.B. No. 755, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 755, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kong rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kong's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in in strong opposition to HB 755. While this bill is only at its second reading, I feel compelled to articulate my concerns. As a legislative body, we have collectively committed to addressing the high cost of living in Hawai'i. However, HB 755 runs counter to that goal by imposing additional financial burdens that will inevitably raise the cost of living for our residents.

"Labor unions, representing thousands of hardworking individuals, have expressed their opposition to this measure, unless the full cost is borne by employers because their members simply cannot afford it. If the very workers this bill aims to support are saying they cannot shoulder the financial impact, we must listen.

"I made a promise to my constituents that we would work to ease their financial struggles, not exacerbate them. For that reason, I cannot, in good faith, support this bill."

Representative Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 755, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAID FAMILY LEAVE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Alcos and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 236) recommending that H.B. No. 364, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 364, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kong rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 364, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 237) recommending that H.B. No. 867, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 867, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Amato rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support and I want to thank the Water & Land chair for his work in support of this bill. My bill, right to play, costs very little money and proposes that all state parks and playgrounds and public-school playgrounds have a minimum set of special needs playground equipment for disabled *keiki*. As a rough example, a \$2,000 swing for those who can't walk. Given the backward and often illegal apparently imminent changes at the federal level excluding our disabled community members and veterans and threatening ADA law, we have a duty to uphold proper standards for our disabled *keiki* so all children may enjoy their right to play.

"Thomas Jefferson said it well when he said, none of us, not one, is imperfect, and were we to love none with imperfections this world would be a desert for our love.

"It is my hope that this body will move this bill forward, clearly demonstrating the compassion and ideals in society and real *aloha* that we all care about. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 867, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Education, with Representatives Garcia and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 238) recommending that H.B. No. 295, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 295, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 239) recommending that H.B. No. 738, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 738, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 738, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 240) recommending that H.B. No. 1002, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1002, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to make a disclosure. My cousin is the chair of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission, and this bill will extend the term of the oversight coordinator for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission, authorizes the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission to review the coordinator's performance, make a recommendation to the governor as to whether the coordinator should be retained, and clarifies that the oversight coordinator has the general authority to inspect agencies and correctional facilities without notice. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Souza, stating:

"Thank you for that disclosure."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 241) recommending that H.B. No. 358, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 358, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Alcos rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Speaker, no vote. Could I make a comment? In building, I had a privilege once upon a time to help build the International Marketplace and we built it as a Category 5. And what a Category 5 hurricane, for example, as a house, if your studs are built 16 inches on center to 24 inches on center, you would have to build it almost like two inches on center, increasing the strength of the building so much more. And it will cost really high for the state, for us guys to continue building and construction for a Category 5 building and make it almost like bullet proof. And it's probably going to cost construction maybe about two to four times the cost that is standard cost now. So, for that, no vote."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. No vote for the same reasons as the representative from District 41."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 358, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 242) recommending that H.B. No. 1376, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1376, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1376, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 243) recommending that H.B. No. 1263, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1263, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1263, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 244) recommending that H.B. No. 1502, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1502, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1502, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 245) recommending that H.B. No. 1064, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1064, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 246) recommending that H.B. No. 1324, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1324, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1324, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDLORD-TENANT DISPUTES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

Representatives Tarnas and Kahaloa, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 247) recommending that H.B. No. 1246, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1246, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Todd moved that H.B. No. 1246, HD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be limited debate on the merits of the motion to recommit. Any discussion?"

Representative Iwamoto rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I speak against the motion to recommit. I'm opposed to the timing. I would like to allow us to vote for second reading and delay the recommitment until the next, potentially before third reading. I never got to sit on a committee to hear this bill debated in front of me. I was looking forward to hearing and asking questions. I also want to, because this is about timing, my understanding is this recommitment then kind of defers the whole bill until next session. So, I'm going to speak to that, the timing of passing a bill or considering a bill like this.

"The media, back in November of 2024, reported in Reuters, New York Times, many credible news sources, that the current administration was in support of descheduling cannabis."

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Madam Speaker, point of order. Please confine discussion to the motion at hand."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"This is. This is about timing, Speaker."

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"Please keep it to the motion to recommit this bill."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"Correct. If we recommit this bill, it will delay the application of this bill, and I'm afraid that it will open up, potentially, mayhem if the current administration deschedules and we are stuck in a situation where we have no regulation. Again, this is the timing."

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Madam Speaker, point of order. We are here to speak about a motion to recommit."

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"Please confine your remarks to the motion to recommit, not the future of this bill."

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"The motion to recommit delays the process, which I am speaking to because if the current federal administration deschedules—"

Representative Quinlan rose to a point of order, stating:

"Madam Speaker, point of order."

At 1:12 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

Representative Iwamoto continued, stating:

"Thank you very much. Normally what would have happened is there would have been a second reading on the floor and votes would have been taken. I've been quiet on second reading because even though I may not agree on the bill substance, I agree to the further discussion. So, my passivity or quietness in allowing a yes vote, for me, doesn't impugn my position on the substance of a bill. And that's all I'm asking for, is that we have a second reading so that we can just have it recorded that we supported further discussion on this matter. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker."

Representative Belatti rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also rise in opposition the recommitment. One, because I would like to get my vote on the record if there is not going to be a roll call vote. Secondly, I think it's very important to note that it has been rare custom and practice on this floor to actually recommit a bill on second reading in my 18 years here so far. So, for those reasons, I stand in opposition to this recommitment at this time. Thank you."

Representative Perruso rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Madam Speaker, no vote, for many of the reasons stated by my colleagues earlier. And also, I would like to share that I really appreciate the conversations and the debate and the discussion we have in this process. And for me, that's really important. And to have it cut short so early in the process is disheartening. So, for that reason primarily, I'm a no vote."

Representative Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza rose to speak in opposition to the motion to recommit, stating:

"Also in opposition to the recommittal, Madam Speaker. And I would also like to raise a point of parliamentary inquiry. I would like to know the reasons why we are recommitting the bill. And so, I'm not sure if you'd like to pose the question to the necessary parties. If that is not granted, I just want it on the record that I am asking as to why we are recommitting. Thank you."

At 1:16 p.m., Representative Todd requested a recess, and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, thank you. I just want a response to my request or my point of parliamentary inquiry. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Souza, stating:

"So, there will be no response."

Representative Souza

"So, would that be considered a no to my point?"

Speaker Nakamura: "Yes."

Representative Cochran rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Quinlan rose to speak in support of the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, just like last session, similar to last session, we were unable to build consensus. And I think it is now time for us to focus on areas where we can build consensus. To focus on the bills that we are able to pass over to the Senate this year and the good that we hope to accomplish for the people of Hawai'i. Thank you."

The motion that H.B. No. 1246, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS," be recommitment to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Cochran, Iwamoto, Perruso, and Souza voting no, and with Representative Ward being excused.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The motion to recommit is carried. Let's go back to, we're going to take the voice vote, then, on all of the items we discussed earlier. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say no. The motion is carried."

Representative Iwamoto rose, stating:

"Point of order, Madam Speaker. What did we just vote on?"

The Chair addressed Representative Iwamoto, stating:

"All of the 18 pages of bills that we previously reviewed. We're going back to the main agenda."

At 1:23 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 248) recommending that H.B. No. 925, as amended in HD 1, be recommitment to the Committee on Culture & Arts.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 925, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ARTS," was recommitment to the Committee on Culture & Arts, with Representative Ward being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. No. 11) and concurrent resolution (H.C.R. No. 11) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 11, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EFFICIENTLY TRANSFER THE ROADS WITHIN THE VILLAGES OF KAPOLEI TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," was offered by Representative Souza.

H.C.R. No. 11, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EFFICIENTLY TRANSFER THE ROADS WITHIN THE VILLAGES OF KAPOLEI TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," was offered by Representative Souza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ilagan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to remind the body that the representative from Kalihi has organized this meet and greet. And it is for the Filipino Caucus, as well as the members, and the room number is 423. So, feel free to come by. Thank you. *Aloha.*"

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.B.

No.

Re-referred to:

925, Committee on Culture & Arts, then to the Committee on Finance HD1

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:25 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Friday, February 7, 2025. (Representative Ward was excused.)