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In accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Senate of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1991, was called to order at 10:00 o'clock a.m., by the Honorable Richard S.H. Wong, temporary chairman of the Senate.

At this time, the members of the Senate, guests and audience rose to sing the National Anthem and "Hawaii Pono" led by Senators Fernandes Salling and Solomon.

The Divine Blessing was then invoked by the Reverend Kenneth M. Newman, pastor of Hawaii Kai Baptist Church, who was escorted to the rostrum by Senators Ikeda, Tungpalan and Koki.

Nominations now being in order for a temporary clerk, Senator Mizuguchi nominated T. David Woo Jr., seconded by Senator Matsuura.

Senator Yamasaki moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator Levin and carried, and the Chair declared T. David Woo Jr. as Temporary Clerk of the Senate.

Senator Hagino then moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair as a Committee on Credentials to examine the certificates of election of the newly elected members of the Senate and to submit a report of its findings to the Senate, seconded by Senator George and carried.

The Chair thereupon appointed Senators Hagino, Aki and George to serve on such committee.

At 10:13 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:15 o'clock a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Hagino, for the Committee on Credentials, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1) as follows:

"The Honorable Richard S.H. Wong
Temporary Chairman of the Senate
The Sixteenth State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Wong:

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has examined the Certificates of Election of the Senate of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1991, and finds that the following persons have been legally elected and are fully qualified to sit as members of the Senate.

The newly elected Senators whose respective terms of office will expire November 8, 1994 are:

Third Senatorial District

A. Leiomalama Solomon

Fifth Senatorial District

Rick Reed

Sixth Senatorial District

Randy Iwase

Seventh Senatorial District

Gerald T. Hagino

Eighth Senatorial District

Michael J. McCartney

Thirteenth Senatorial District

Bertrand Y. Kobayashi

Sixteenth Senatorial District

Russell Blair

Seventeenth Senatorial District

Anthony K.U. Chang

Nineteenth Senatorial District

Dennis M. Nakasato

Twenty-Second Senatorial District

Eloise Yamashita Tungpalan

Twenty-Fourth Senatorial District

James Aki

Twenty-Fifth Senatorial District

Lehua Fernandes Salling

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gerald T. Hagino

/s/ James Aki

/s/ Mary George"

Senator Hagino moved that Special Committee Report No. 1 be adopted, seconded by Senator George and carried.

The Committee was thereupon discharged with thanks.

The Chair, at this time, appointed Senators Blair, Chang and Iwase to escort Chief Justice Herman Lum of the Hawaii State Supreme Court to the rostrum to administer the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Senate.

The Senators escorted Chief Justice Lum to the rostrum and were thereupon discharged with thanks.

Chief Justice Lum administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Senate who were standing at their respective desks.

At this time, the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The Chair then introduced to the members of the Senate and guests the newest member of the Hawaii State Senate, Senator Randy Iwase.

Nominations for officers of the Senate being next in order, Senator Cobb placed in nomination the name of Senator Richard S.H. Wong for President of the Senate, seconded by Senator A. Kobayashi.

Senator Ikeda moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator McCartney. The motion to close the nominations was put by the Chair and carried unanimously, and the Temporary Clerk was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Wong as President of the Senate.

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Wong was declared unanimously elected President of the Senate of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1991.

At this time, the President welcomed and introduced the following distinguished guests to the members of the Senate:

The Honorable John Waihee, Governor of Hawaii, and Mrs. Lynne Waihee;

The Honorable Ben Cayetano, Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii;

The Honorable Patsy T. Mink, U.S. House of Representative;

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, U.S. House of Representative;

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Mayor, County of Hawaii;

The Honorable Linda Crockett Lingle, Mayor, County of Maui;

The Honorable JoAnn Yukimura, Mayor, County of Kauai;

Admiral Huntington H. Hardisty III, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, and Mrs. Hardisty;

Admiral Charles R. Larson, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Mrs. Larson;

Lt. General Claude M. Kicklighter, Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific and Mrs. Kicklighter;

Lt. General Robert F. Milligan, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and Commander, Marine Corps Bases, Pacific;

Lt. General Michael Kerby, Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces, and Mrs. Kerby;

Rear Admiral William C. Donnell, District Commander, 14th Coast Guard District, and Mrs. Donnell; and

Maj. General Girard Seitter III, Commanding General, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Mrs. Seitter.

The President then addressed the members of the Senate and guests as follows:

"Members of the Senate,

"Thank you for reelecting me as your President. I am deeply honored and grateful for your support.

"My remarks today will be brief, very brief.

"To our guests, families and visitors here today, we in the Senate would like to apologize for any disappointment you may feel because of the curtailment of our traditional opening day celebrations. Many of you had expected the customary entertainment and party-making and we are sorry if we are not meeting your expectations.

"The Senate decided to keep today's program simple and low-key because of our sensitivity to concerns about the situation in the Middle East. We felt that the traditional merry-making would just not be appropriate at a time when people are apprehensive about the possibility of war. To those of you here with friends or family presently in the Middle East, our thoughts go out especially to you. May the Good Lord sustain you.

"The Minority Leader - Senator Mary George - and I have decided to forgo our customary opening day speeches. There will be other opportunities for us to speak out on the issues in the days and weeks ahead.

"Today, we just want to do our business and get on with the work of this 1991 Legislative Session.

"That said, let us proceed.

"Let us - all of us - pray for peace.

"Aloha, and God bless you all."

At 10:25 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:27 o'clock a.m.

The President then announced that nominations were in order for the office of Vice President of the Senate.

Senator Crozier placed in nomination the name of Senator James Aki for Vice President of the Senate, seconded by Senator Nakasato.

Senator B. Kobayashi moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Senator McMurdo. The motion to close the nominations was put by the Chair and carried unanimously and the Temporary Clerk was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Aki as Vice President of the Senate.

The ballot having been so cast, Senator Aki was declared unanimously elected as Vice President of the Senate of the Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1991.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 1 and 2) were read by the Temporary Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 1, providing for the election of T. David Woo Jr. for Clerk, George M. Amimoto for Assistant Clerk, and Bienvenido C. Villafor for Sergeant-at-Arms, was offered by Senators Hagino and George.

On motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Koki and carried, S.R. No. 1 was adopted.

The President thereupon administered the oath of office to the elected officers of the Senate.

S.R. No. 2, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE," was offered by Senators Hagino and George.

On motion by Senator Hagino, seconded by Senator George and carried, S.R. No. 2 was adopted.

In closing, the members of the Senate and guests rose to sing "God Bless America" and "Hawaii Aloha."

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Solomon, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, January 17, 1991, observing a moment of silent prayer for peace in the Middle East.