

ELEVENTH DAY

Thursday, February 5, 1998

The Senate of the Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1998, convened at 11:39 o'clock a.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Pastor Norman Okasako, Mililani Missionary Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Baker, Chun Oakland, Fukunaga, M. Ige, Metcalf, Mizuguchi, Sakamoto and Tanaka.

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Tenth Day.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senators Baker and Fukunaga, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2006) recommending that H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator McCartney, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, February 6, 1998.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 2386	Jointly to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Information Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 2500	Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and Housing, the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 2760	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 2843	Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, then to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Information Technology
No. 3159	Committee on Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Information Technology
No. 3175	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 3229	Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and Housing and the Committee on Health and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Anderson rose on a point of personal privilege and stated:

"Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

"Mr. President, I'm here because I received the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board's last minutes that they had and I stood on this floor the other day with some concerns. When I read this, I was even more concerned than ever before because when the Neighborhood Board sent out their announcements on their previous meeting, they gave you the members absent, members present, and guests. Out of all of these, if you quite remember some years back, Mayor Fasi started the Neighborhood Boards. We are the only, the only, county in the state that has the neighborhood board. No other county has one. No other county has got to be in any way accountable.

"Yet, in this issue, I remembered when I read it, the governor is now sending some of his cabinet there -- people to represent him. When they were called to order, they had on the agenda the Waimanalo Kupuna Housing Project, and there was a draft because of the environmental assessment. Now, Mr. Cecil Santos was there that evening, evidently, but I wrote to Mr. Santos in October and I asked him why should Unisyn be able to continue without an environmental quality control update. The last one issued was in 1988. They wrote back and said they didn't need one. It's a whole new process that they're doing there. They're not just making compost.

"It went on further. We had comments from the Humuniki Street -- that's the one I told you that HUD was involved in. They also have been going down to the Neighborhood Board with their concerns. No one, evidently, from the governor's office has approached any of us to tell us that they are going to be really concerned in all of these projects.

"Then we have Mr. Kazu Hayashida. Kazu is going to widen Kalaniana'ole Highway, and nobody asked for it in Waimanalo -- nobody wants it in Waimanalo. I went to different Neighborhood Board meetings because I am a resident of Waimanalo, or at least my home is there for 50-something years. Even though I live in Kailua, I still have a home there. Nobody wants to have a widening of the road, but they're going to put it down there because they think it's something that should be at least looked at.

"When we get down here on another page, it says 'Senator Whitney Anderson, no report as representative was not present. Governor's representatives,' they give the names of those people over and above Mr. Santos.

"What I'm trying to get at is, if we're going to start to have the governor sending out some of his people to these meetings and then turning around and not reporting back to any of the state representatives, state senators, then I think that this is a sham, because one of the comments the governor's representative, Mr. Ernest Miyamoto, made was that 'The community needs to work together to bring the Hawaii economy back.' Now, are we jump-starting the state or are we jump-starting a campaign? That's what bothers me. We get involved if telephone poles get up. We got involved recently because of soccer. But Waimanalo, Kailua, and other areas he may not be strong in, does that mean we're not going to be taken care of? That the concerns of the people can go time after time, month after month, year after year without anybody doing anything about it?

"I think what we should do is, if the governor wants to have an island or state-wide project, then he should go ahead and start a state council, or he should do something else because the feds are also coming to the Neighborhood Boards. And none of these people have any jurisdiction over us as state senators. They don't have any jurisdiction over the federal people. All

they are is a sounding board for the county. And if there are concerns, then it should come to us so that we can get back to the community.

"Now, we have tried writing to the departments and they don't do anything. And if they don't do anything, what's the sense of having the governor's representative there to just tell them that they have to work harder for the economy.

"Thank you very much, Mr. President."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator McCartney, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, February 6, 1998.