

SIXTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 8, 2001

The Senate of the Twenty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, convened at 11:40 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Pastor Wesley Elmore, Parker United Methodist Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Matsunaga who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Fifteenth Day.

Senator Slom, with the assistance of Senators Matsuura and Kim, introduced and congratulated the following Hawaii Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureates: Francis S. Oda, Chairman and CEO of Group 70 International; Edward T. Fukuda, President of Kandi's Drive Inn, Inc. in Hilo; Edward J. Hogan, Chairman and CEO of Pleasant Holidays, LLC, who was represented by Duke Ah Moo; and Legacy Laureate recipient Chinn Ho, founder of Capital Investment Co., Inc., who was represented by his son Stuart Ho. Accompanying the honorees was Carolann Biederman, President of Junior Achievement of Hawaii.

At 12:00 o'clock noon, the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:07 o'clock p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Nakata and Kim, for the Committee on Labor and the Committee on Tourism and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 56) recommending that S.B. No. 59 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 59, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Nakata and Kim, for the Committee on Labor and the Committee on Tourism and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 57) recommending that S.B. No. 848, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 848, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 58) recommending that S.B. No. 1021 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1021, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING TRUST FUND,"

passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 59) recommending that S.B. No. 221, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 221, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 60) recommending that S.B. No. 224 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 224, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PINEAPPLE RESEARCH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 61) recommending that S.B. No. 489 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 489, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR TARO RESEARCH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 62) recommending that S.B. No. 639 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 639, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWEED," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 63) recommending that S.B. No. 803 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 803, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CONTROL PLANT PESTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Buen, for the Committee on Agriculture, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 64) recommending that S.B. No. 889 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 889, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REFERRAL OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The President made the following committee assignment of a concurrent resolution that was offered on Wednesday, February 7, 2001:

Senate
Concurrent
Resolution Referred to:

No. 11 Committee on Water, Land, Energy, and Environment, then to the Committee on Agriculture

REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTION

The President made the following committee assignment of a resolution that was offered on Wednesday, February 7, 2001:

Senate
Resolution Referred to:

No. 8 Committee on Water, Land, Energy, and Environment, then to the Committee on Agriculture

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 9 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing and the Committee on Tourism and Intergovernmental Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Economic Development and Technology

No. 483 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing and the Committee on Judiciary

No. 634 Committee on Water, Land, Energy, and Environment, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing and the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 773 Committee on Water, Land, Energy, and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 845 Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, then to the Committee on Judiciary

No. 953 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1311 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services, the Committee on Tourism and

Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1377 Committee on Labor, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1455 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1500 Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 1558 Committee on Water, Land, Energy, and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Slom rose on a point of point of personal privilege as follows:

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

"Yesterday, the announcement was made that the television series Baywatch Hawaii was not going to be renewed. Some of my colleagues may recall that I rose and spoke against the state involvement, state funding, and so-called state investment in this series. I am sorry to see the series end and the jobs that were created and the goods and services that were purchased by local businesses.

"The stories, some of them, were very uplifting in watching the series on a regular basis, but the problem is that many people did not watch it on a regular basis. I think what probably hurt the series the most was the government involvement and the attempt to get additional government funding and permanent funding where no other series, no other television program, no other entertainment vehicle had done that before or since. They have stayed on the merits of their own. And I think that's the course that we want to take.

"I take issue with those in the State who say that we got our \$3.5 million worth. I don't know exactly what it was that we got the \$3.5 million worth, but I think that we should continue to be vigilant in the future. We want to encourage all kinds of businesses. We certainly want to encourage those entertainment mediums that will highlight and display the best in the cultural attributes of our State. But we do not want the State in the business or the taxpayers subsidizing this or anything else like it.

"So, sorry to see it go, but I think that we will move on and we'll survive without Baywatch Hawaii.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Hemmings added the following comments:

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

"In relationship to the previous remarks regarding Baywatch, I think it's important to note the positive, too, that the show did highlight some of Hawaii's most alluring and beautiful assets.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator English, seconded by Senator Hemmings and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, February 9, 2001.