

SIXTIETH DAY

Thursday, May 7, 2015

The Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2015, convened at 10:33 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Ruderman who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Fifty-Ninth Day.

Senator Kahele recognized his session staff, University of Hawai'i at Hilo intern Lilinoe Ka'iolana Kamahele Heaukulani and legislative aide Evan Kauano Chikara Oue, and expressed his appreciation for their support and assistance with the Committee on Tourism and International Affairs.

Senator Espero thanked his staff for their hard work during the legislative session: Marlene Uesugi, Ryan Toyomura, Venus Delos Santos, and session staff Jan Farrant.

Senator English welcomed a group of students from Pukalani Elementary School on Maui who were visiting the State Capitol and 'Iolani Palace. Among the students and chaperones were fifth-grade teachers Mary Jean Bega, Sherry Enriquez, and Kamealoha Blackburn.

Senator Dela Cruz recognized Mrs. Joy Kouchi, wife of Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Keith-Agaran introduced his session staff, Ashlee Affonso and Danielle Evangelista, and thanked them for their hard work.

Senator Slom introduced guests from France who were present in the gallery: Martine Godfroy-Cooper, Ingrid Godfroy, Amandine Houtot, David Houtot, Mark Fortes, Loulou Houtot, Oceanne Houtot, and Arlette Bouin.

Senator Nishihara recognized his staff members who were present in the gallery: Priscilla Kubota, Wayne Nakatsu, and Amanda Ehe.

Senator Tokuda introduced Nic Ayabe, staff member for the Committee on Ways and Means, and remarked on his diligence during the conference period.

Senator Chun Oakland recognized members of her staff who were present in the gallery: Tyler Ingraham, Xan Avendano, Mudra Josephson, Russell Higa, Tyrell Ma'ae, and Alisha Leisek.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 238 and 1129 to 1148) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 238, dated April 28, 2015, transmitting the Hawaii Gas 2014 Renewable Energy Report, prepared by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 269-45, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 1129, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 14, S.D. 1, H.D. 2 as Act 29, entitled: "RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1130, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 388, H.D. 1 as Act 30, entitled: "RELATING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1131, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 434, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 as Act 31, entitled: "RELATED TO AGRICULTURE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1132, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 589, S.D. 2, H.D. 2 as Act 32, entitled: "RELATING TO INSURANCE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1133, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 736, S.D. 1, H.D. 2 as Act 33, entitled: "RELATING TO INSURANCE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1134, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 987, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 34, entitled: "RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 1135, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1156, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 35, entitled: "RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1136, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 36, entitled: "RELATING TO VACCINATIONS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1137, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1099, H.D. 2, S.D. 2 as Act 37, entitled: "RELATING TO OUTDOOR ADVERTISING."

Gov. Msg. No. 1138, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1286, H.D. 2, S.D. 2 as Act 38, entitled: "RELATING TO ENERGY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1139, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1272, H.D. 2, S.D. 2 as Act 39, entitled: "RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1140, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 611, S.D. 1, H.D. 2 as Act 40, entitled: "RELATING TO USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1141, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 279, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 41, entitled: "RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1142, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1325, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 42, entitled: "RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT."

Gov. Msg. No. 1143, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1410, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 43, entitled: "RELATING TO THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1144, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1412, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 44, entitled: "RELATING TO EDUCATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 1145, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1115, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 45, entitled: "RELATING TO BUILDING DESIGN FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES."

Gov. Msg. No. 1146, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 283, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 46, entitled: "RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1147, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 233, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 47, entitled: "RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 1148, informing the Senate that on May 6, 2015, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2, S.D. 2, H.D. 2 as Act 48, entitled: "RELATING TO PILOTAGE."

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 678 to 680) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 678, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 16, 2015, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 346, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2); and
H.B. No. 971, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 679, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed the following House bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 139, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 140, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and
H.B. No. 821, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 680, informing the Senate that on May 5, 2015, the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No. 10, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 11, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 15, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 26, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 73, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 87, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 126, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 142, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 158, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 169, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 174, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 179, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 206, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 207, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 209, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 241, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 242, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 252, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 261, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 277, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 290, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 318, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 391, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 436, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 444, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 448, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 461, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 482, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 500, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;

H.B. No. 538, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 540, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 541, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 547, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 573, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 576, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 582, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 623, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 631, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 696, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 697, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 707, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 775, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 782, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 820, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 830, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 831, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 894, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 896, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 943, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1010, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1069, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1090, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1140, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1153, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1180, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1214, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1251, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1273, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1292, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1332, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1343, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1366, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1394, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1432, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1440, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1489, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1491, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1509, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 17, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 64, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 92, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 101, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 104, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 105, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 118, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 158, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 160, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 181, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 213, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 223, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 250, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 253, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 254, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 265, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 273, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 284, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 349, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 359, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 374, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
S.B. No. 376, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;

S.B. No. 387, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 423, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 464, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 508, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 519, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 521, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 544, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 555, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 569, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 654, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 661, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 717, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 756, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 791, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 854, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 868, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 871, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 964, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 971, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 996, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1001, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1009, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1028, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1050, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1060, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1072, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1077, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1078, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1080, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1081, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1082, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1083, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1084, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1090, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1094, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1113, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1124, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1131, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1158, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1177, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1180, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1211, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1214, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1291, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1297, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1299, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1305, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1312, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1316, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1324, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1345, H.D. 1, C.D. 1; and
 S.B. No. 1361, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

ORDER OF THE DAY

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 (H.B. No. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Espero moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 be adopted and H.B. No. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

Senator Green requested that remarks in support of the measure with reservations be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Green's remarks read as follows:

"I support the launch of medical marijuana dispensaries in Hawai'i as both a physician and as a Senator. Patients with serious health problems need this help. I cast this vote however with severe reservations and concerns, that there are at present inadequate protections in the bill to prevent mainland interests, and very likely organized crime, from taking over Hawai'i's program and damaging the fabric of our society.

"In the years to come we must be vigilant and insist that the administration prevent this from coming to pass."

Senator Espero rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

"Thank you. Colleagues, we first passed the medical marijuana law in 2000. And although we were applauded for having the courage to pass this in the Legislature, the measure was incomplete and there were gaps and questions on many areas, which, with this legislation, we are finally closing. With H.B. 321, now we will be able to provide to our patients a secure, safe, high-quality medicine, which they currently do not have access to today. And this will change the medical marijuana issue for many individuals who have had to go to the black market – that's what they were forced to do because we did not pass the proper bill 15 years ago.

"So, colleagues, I want to applaud the good senator from the Big Island, our doctor, for all of the work and effort that he put into this bill. He was hesitant, but he knew that this was the right thing to do. He heard from the advocates and the patients, and he took this to the very, very end, and with a little assistance, we were able to get a great measure passed for our residents, which will provide eight dispensaries, eight licenses statewide, and within each license, you will have two production or grow sites and two retail or dispensary sites. And if all goes according to plan, these first dispensaries could be operational by July of 2016, so I urge you to support this measure; it is certainly one that we sorely need. Thank you very much."

Senator Baker rose to speak in strong support of the measure as follows:

"I wanted to acknowledge, not only the folks in conference, Senator Green, Senator Espero, president emerita Kim for helping to move this measure forward after there seemed to be a stalemate, but I also want to acknowledge the hard work of the task force – the stakeholders who came together from around Hawai'i: lawmakers, advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement, Department of Health, DCCA, everybody else who came together to really try to come up with a consensus measure, and a lot of their hard work is reflected in the bill that we're about to pass.

"It always pains me when we set up task forces or working groups and then summarily dismiss what they tell us. So, I'm pleased that the work that so many people put in, the long hours to come to an agreement, some kind of consensus on this very complicated and somewhat controversial – in some parts of our state, anyway – to come up with a bill that I think will not only be very workable but will help move us forward and make sure that those patients who need medical marijuana to ease their pain, their convulsions, their other maladies that other kinds of pharmaceuticals or remedies don't provide any relief, that we will now have a way to do that in a safe, controlled, and effective way. And I appreciate all the hard work that all of my colleagues put in on this measure. Mahalo."

Senator Slom rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations as follows:

"Isn't it interesting: It took 15 years to get this far. I was the thirteenth vote in this Senate body 15 years ago to pass the medical marijuana bill. We should have done this much earlier; it should have been much simpler. Some of the patients who depended on us for use are no longer with us today.

"But we did craft a bill; it was a very interesting process, and it's interesting, too, that it has gotten so much publicity and so much discussion – the discussion about how to ease the pain. I wish we would have had half the energy to ease the pain of our taxpayers with some of the other measures that we pass, but be that as it may, we pass this bill, and I thank the Senate original sponsors, who removed the heavy additional tax burden from this bill, which was a poison pill for me.

"But I'm still concerned because the funding of the bill is going to continue through a special fund – already existing, but still, that mechanism rather than the general fund. And we're talking about the \$5,000 nonrefundable fee for application. We're requiring a \$1 million asset amount for anyone submitting an application. We are getting a dispensing licensing fee of \$75,000 and a \$50,000 annual renewal fee. Hey, this is a lot of money just to provide patient care. We could've done it through Longs Drugs and through some of the others much easier, much sooner.

"I do appreciate, though, my colleagues' work on trying to make sure that abuses are held to a minimum, although abuses will occur; the opportunity to try to work closer with law enforcement to make this a workable bill; and remembering that it is for the patients, the medical patients. So from that standpoint, it's a good thing. So I support the measure, but I also caution that we don't want to continue to make everything that we do into a money-making opportunity for the state. Thank you."

Senator English rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

"I tend to agree with at least one thing that the previous speaker said: We should've done this a lot earlier. In fact, over the last 10 years, I've been introducing bills along these lines and some very simple mechanisms to make this happen. But be that as it may, we've reached this point; we have this bill moving forward, and I support it.

"However, the country's moving on: There are areas that are legalizing marijuana straight up, and that's the next step for us in Hawai'i. Once we do that, this becomes moot. So the debate for us, moving forward, is not about medical marijuana any more, but it's about legalization, much like the end of Prohibition at the end of the last century, when alcohol became legal again in the United States. So that is the issue that we're going to deal with in the coming session, and I hope that we take it on fully and straightforward and deal with it as the issue that it is, which is legalization. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 was adopted and H.B. No. 321, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Green, Harimoto, Slom). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ruderman).

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Tokuda moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2015, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Green and carried.

Senator Tokuda then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Green.

Senator Tokuda noted:

"Thank you, Mr. President. In discussions with the House, these measures contain the appropriate non-general funds for repeal and reclassification based on the auditor's report and the work of the money committees. It was determined that this measure and the following will be the vehicles that will move through for this session."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried.

On motion by Senator Tokuda, seconded by Senator Green and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 159, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF NON-GENERAL FUNDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ruderman).

S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Tokuda moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 16, 2015, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Green and carried.

Senator Tokuda then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Green.

Senator Tokuda noted:

"Thank you. Colleagues, same justification on this measure as the previous one: This will also be the vehicle for the reclassification/repeal of non-general funds."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried.

Senator Tokuda moved that S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Green.

Senator Ihara rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations as follows:

"Mr. President, I would like you to note for the record my reservations. Perhaps the point I want to make is technical, but contrary to the bill title, which is 'Relating to the Repeal of Non-General Funds,' the House inserted five non-general funds, not to repeal but to reclassify. This may be a technical point, but I'm sure the attorney general will take a good look at it. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1092, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF NON-GENERAL FUNDS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Ihara). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ruderman).

At 10:54 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 137 and 138) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 137 “SENATE RESOLUTION
REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION
OF 2015, SUBSEQUENT TO THE ADJOURNMENT
THEREOF.”

Offered by: Senators English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.R. No. 137 was adopted.

S.R. No. 138 “SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING
THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS
READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE.”

Offered by: Senators English, Slom.

On motion by Senator Green, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.R. No. 138 was adopted.

At this time, Senator Taniguchi introduced his intern from the University of Hawai‘i, Patsy Correia, and his session employees Russ Toyooka and Derek Okubo.

At 10:56 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Senator Thielen rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Thank you. Colleagues, I just wanted to share with you, as you may notice that Senator Russell Ruderman is not with us today: As you recall, he was nominated as the Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Hawai‘i, and he spent yesterday all day on a plane, flying to Washington, D.C., to go to the White House, where the Small Business Administration is inviting all 50 Small Business People of the Year for a reception at the White House today. So while we miss him on this last day of the session, I just want to share congratulations and pride in our colleague as a Hawai‘i representative Small Business Person of the Year.”

Senator English rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Thank you. Yes, I’d like to join the senator from the other side of the island in congratulating Senator Ruderman. It’s amazing, the modern technology: We were able to text as he was on the plane yesterday, so it was a very interesting discussion about his time at the White House. He’s going to land and go straight into the White House; I don’t think he even has enough time to take a shower. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Kim rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Thank you. I know my staff is not here, but I did want to acknowledge them: Bobby Aiu, Lisa Vargas, Nancy Bernal, Cecile Yasay, and my intern for the session, BJ Ramos, and also the two volunteers, Sam and Bridget. I’d like to thank them for all their hard work. Thank you.”

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“Members, at this time, we’ll be taking a short recess to inform the House that the Senate is ready to adjourn.”

The Chair also remarked on the correct pronunciation of “sine die,” as noted by staff member Jesselyn Chong, who had studied Latin.

At 11:01 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Senator English welcomed an additional group of students from Pukalani Elementary School who were present in the gallery.

Senator Galuteria introduced his office manager, Tommie Suganuma, who was seated in the gallery.

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

“I just wanted to thank my colleagues, again, for this session, which, by all accounts, was a very unusual session. It was very quiet on the outside, but a lot of things brewing on the inside. We’ve accomplished a number of important pieces of legislation this year, but we still have a lot to do, and I’m looking forward to working with all of you and to work during the interim.

“We have many problems that we must solve, not the least of which is the impending fiscal crisis for the state. We’ve got to solve these problems; we’ve got to solve homelessness; we’ve got to really make it better for everyone. We all believe in that – we want to better Hawai‘i, and we’re optimistic about our possibilities, but we have the power and the responsibility in this body to do things and to do things differently so that we have real, meaningful change in the state.

“And finally, Mr. President, after weeks of negotiation – I tried my best, I really did; I tried to gain membership with either the Opihis or with those other guys, the Chess Club. I failed, Mr. President, so I am going to be starting my own club, the Spoiled Kittens, and anyone who feels disenfranchised or who would like a new perspective on things, they are welcome. We do have room, and remember, our caucus room is the same size as yours, but much more space. So thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, my colleagues. Aloha.”

Senator Espero rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I’d like to just say, colleagues, that in my biased way, we did an A this year. We passed some outstanding legislation; we dealt with some very tough and difficult issues and some issues that have been on the table for years. And I want to congratulate all of you for your hard work.

“I want to welcome our new president; I look forward to working with him and the new chairs. And I want to acknowledge our president for the last three sessions for the outstanding work she has done – Senator Kim – in guiding us through difficult and challenging, yet very exciting, times. So, colleagues, I look forward to working with everybody in 2016. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator English recognized a third group of students from Pukalani Elementary School who were seated in the gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Green moved that the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2015, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Senator Slom and carried.

At 11:24 a.m., the President rapped his gavel and declared the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2015, adjourned Sine Die.