

THIRTEENTH DAY

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Senate of the Twenty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2003, convened at 11:49 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Ms. Linda C. Magno, Catholic Diocese Office of Worship, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 10) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Senate Resolution

No. 10 "SENATE RESOLUTION NAMING THE CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE."

Offered by: Senators Kawamoto, Hemmings.

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, S.R. No. 10 was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that S.B. No. 33 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 33, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

At 11:53 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:23 o'clock p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 1, H.D. 1:

Senator Taniguchi moved that H.B. No. 1, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Kokubun.

Senator Ihara rose and said:

"Mr. President, I just wanted to thank yourself for providing myself in the caucus, and I'm sure all the members, information that we need in order to vote on this. We're looking forward to the additional information provided by the Clerk.

"Thank you."

Senator Hemmings rose to speak in favor of the measure and said:

"Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of this legislation.

"I think it's incumbent upon the Minority Party to take note of the fact that this budget has grown modestly. We're still digesting the exact figures. But what really is important is the quality of work that comes out of this legislature and it's important for us to recognize the people in the Auditor's Office, the Ombudsman, the Ethics Commission, and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

"For us in the Minority, we're appreciative because we always get treated evenhandedly and there is never an ounce of partisan bickering or debate with us. We're treated, I think, just as well as anyone else in the Majority Party would be treated.

"I would also like to note that the other day, I get here a little early and I was walking into the building at about 6:15 in the morning and someone from the Clerk's Office was arriving and I said, 'gee, what are you doing here so early?' And they said, 'well, it's the time we really can get our work done.' And I would like to, on behalf of myself and hopefully my caucus, thank the employees of the Senate and the employees in the Auditor's, Ombudsman's, Ethics Commission, and the Legislative Reference Bureau for the work they do on our behalf. I think they go beyond their salaries, oftentimes, to get the job done, and for that, we're most appreciative.

"Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, H.B. No. 1, 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," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

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

REFERRAL OF
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The President made the following committee assignments of concurrent resolutions that were offered on Thursday, January 30, 2003:

Senate
Concurrent
Resolution

Referred to:

No. 11 Jointly to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 12 Committee on Human Services

No. 13 Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health

No. 14 Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education

No. 15 Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education

No. 16	Committee on Health
No. 17 Affairs	Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian
No. 18 Affairs	Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian
No. 19	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

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No. 6	Committee on Health
No. 7	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Education
No. 8 Affairs	Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian
No. 9	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 1435	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture and the Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 1619	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Transportation, Military Affairs, and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of the Senate

Approved:

President of the Senate