

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2007

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 424

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 424, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

G.M. No. 424 JAMES BURTON NICHOLSON,
for a term to expire 6-30-2012,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of the statement submitted by the nominee, your Committee finds that the nominee will work with compassion and commitment to assist in administering the government functions related to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board as its chairman. Your Committee finds that the nominee graduated from St. Louis High School and was an all star athlete in basketball and football. He then went to Michigan State University where he excelled in football and upon graduating played professional football in the National Football League for eight years. The nominee then returned to Hawaii and entered the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law. Upon graduating from law school, the nominee worked at the Hawaii Employers Council. The nominee represented both the employer and the union during his career in labor law. He then became an arbitrator in resolving disputes between management and labor. His integrity and fairness earned him the respect of both management and labor.

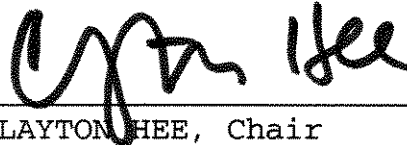
Your Committee received testimony in support of the nominee from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the State of Hawaii Organization of Police



Officers, the Hawaii Firefighters Association Local 1463, United Public Workers, Hawaii Electric Company, Sause Brother Inc., Iron Workers Stabilization Fund, Iron Workers Union Local 625, First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers Local 996, ILWU Local 142, Business Diagnostics, Hawaii Government Employees Association, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Weyerhaesuser, 5 attorneys, retired judge Patrick Yim, and several private citizens.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes of the
 Committee on Judiciary and Labor
 JDL
 (Advise and Consent)**

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The Committee is reconsidering its decision.

The Recommendation is to:

Advise and Consent
 (2340)

Not Advise and Consent
 (2345)

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, CLAYTON (C)	✓			
KOKUBUN, RUSSELL S. (VC)				✓
INOUYE, LORRAINE R.				✓
NISHIHARA, CLARENCE K.	✓			
GABBARD, MIKE	✓			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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