

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**1537**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2007

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 496,  
497, 534

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,  
to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 496, 497, and 534,  
submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

G.M. No. 496	JOHN B. RAY, for a term to expire 6-30-2010;
G.M. No. 497	DAVID K. SPROAT, for a term to expire 6-30-2011; and
G.M. No. 534	JOHN JAY ROMANOWSKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of John B. Ray  
from the Department of Transportation.

John B. Ray has been the President of the Hawaii Leeward  
Planning Conference in Kamuela, Hawaii, since 1999. Previously,  
he was on the Hawaii County Council. The nominee is the Founding  
Director of the Waimea Main Street Program, a non-profit  
community-based planning and economic development organization;  
Founder of the Paniolo Country Inn; and Co-Founder of Orca Sea  
Farms, Inc., among other notable business endeavors. The nominee  
has been involved in numerous community activities and boards.



Your Committee received testimony in support of David K. Sproat from the Department of Transportation and two members of the House of Representatives.

David K. Sproat was first appointed to the Commission on Transportation on July 1, 2003. He is a retired County of Kaua'i Firefighter with almost thirty-one years of service, and was President of the Kilauea Neighborhood Association, Secretary and Treasurer of the Hawaiian Farmers of Hanalei, Board Member of the Mahelona Hospital, President of the Kilauea School Parent Teacher Association, and Vice President of the Kilauea Agricultural Association.

Your Committee notes from the nominee's personal statement that he would use his skills in dealing with the many diverse issues facing the Department of Transportation's Divisions of Highways, Airports, and Harbors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of John Jay Romanowski from the Department of Transportation; Hidano Construction, Inc.; Building Industry Association - Hawaii; Castle & Cooke Hawaii; Contractors Association of Kaua'i; Royal Contracting Co., Ltd.; Co-Ha Builders, Inc.; and Maritime Consultants of the Pacific.

John Jay Romanowski was originally appointed to the Commission on Transportation on July 1, 2003, for a term to expire on June 30, 2007. He is Vice President of Jas. W. Glover, Ltd., general contractor and manufacturer of aggregates, ready-mix concrete, and hot mix asphalt. Prior thereto, he held various engineering, construction, and manufacturing posts with Summit Construction, Inc., Construction Consultants Pacific, Inc., Charles Pankow Builders, and E.I. Dupont DeNemours Chemical Co.

Mr. Romanowski received a degree in civil engineering from Purdue University. He is the Hawaii State Director of the National Asphalt Paving Association; President of the Hawaii Asphalt Paving Industry; Chairman of Department of Transportation Committee of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and a member of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association and Contractors Association of Kauai.

Your Committee notes the testimony of the Department of Transportation that the nominee's extensive background in general contracting and construction, and his experience as a project



engineer have made him invaluable to the Commission on Transportation. He is always willing to share his unique insights and first-hand knowledge on the various transportation matters that come before the Commission.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs,



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J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair





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Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
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**Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs  
TIA  
(Advise and Consent)**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 497</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA</b>	Date: <b>4-2-07</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent (2340) <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent (2345)</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. KALANI (C)	✓			
INOUYE, LORRAINE R. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, WILL	✓			
HOOSER, GARY L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN				✓
TSUTSUI, SHAN S.				✓
GABBARD, MIKE	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 534</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TIA</b>	Date: <i>4-2-07</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent (2340) <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent (2345)</span>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. KALANI (C)	✓			
INOUE, LORRAINE R. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, WILL	✓			
HOOSER, GARY L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN				✓
TSUTSUI, SHAN S.				✓
GABBARD, MIKE	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Lorraine R. Inoue</i>				
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