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LATE TESTIMONY
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TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL A. KANE, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

ON HCR 233/HR 202,
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE
TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A HAWAIIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

April 1, 2009

Chair Carroll, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands strongly support the intent of HCR 223/HR 202.

While we agree that there is a need for open discussions in the
Hawaiian community to beginning laying the groundwork for a process to
achieve self-governance, our department do not have funding in our
current budget to sponsor a conference of this size and scope.

We appreciate the intent of this measure; however, given the
current fiscal difficulties, we cannot pursue this action at this
time.

April 1, 2009

**The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & MEMBERS
Hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 @ 9:30am in Room 329**

**LATE
OPPOSED
TESTIMONY**

Testimony in **OPPOSITION** on **HCR 233 & HR 202**

Dear Chair Carroll, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **OPPOSITION on HCR 233 & HR 202**—requesting the Governor, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to organize and convene a conference to begin discussions for a Hawaiian Constitutional Convention.

On behalf of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Legislative Committee, we submit this testimony in opposition of HCR 233 and HR 202 as written for the following reasons. First, we do not believe that the Lingle Administration has native Hawaiians interest at heart as witnessed by the proposed U.S. Supreme Court appeal regarding the sale and transfer of ceded lands. Therefore, we feel that they are not capable and appropriate to organize and convene a conference to begin discussions for a Hawaiian Constitutional Convention.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I was a creation of His Majesty, Lot Kapuuiwa Kamehameha V on April 11, 1865 to commemorate the memory of his grandfather Kamehameha Ekahi. It is our position that all native Hawaiian people should be included and participate in the creation of a native Hawaiian governing entity that would benefit our people spiritually, culturally, physically, socially, economically, and supports ideas, history, values and cultural ways which we have consistently practiced.

We want to ensure that should this process be put in place, that all native Hawaiian groups, societies, community members, leaders, etc., are included in this process. This process must be inclusive.

We the Royal Order of Kamehameha I members would like to be included in the process to start the discussions. We ask that you amend this resolution to allow for the native Hawaiian community to take the initiative to plan and implement this conference. Furthermore, take out the language where the Governor's office, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to take the lead.

We also recommend that a percentage of the proceeds of the ceded land revenues should be designated specifically for this process, especially since one of the five purposes for the use of ceded lands includes the betterment of native Hawaiians.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony in **OPPOSITION**. We urge you to hold or amend this resolution. If you have any questions please contact the Kaka Olelo Nui David K. Kamai at 870-9759 or kkamai@hawaiiantel.net.

Mahalo,

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I - Legislative Committee

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Rep. Maile Shimabukuro

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Aloha, Chair Carroll and Vice Chair Shimabukuru.

Na Koa Ikaika, an ohana which supports Hawaiian and Human Rights, opposes this resolution which undermines Hawaiian Sovereignty. Government entities should support the efforts of the people, ka po'e Hawaii, to create whatever form of nationhood we desire.

We have been a part of many groups and plans which have formed over the years to rebuild La Hui: ALOHA, Homerule backed by John Holt, Ka Lahui, HSAC, HSEC, Kinau Kamaulii and Linda Delaney's group that met at Kualoa, Ka Pakaukau, Pro-Hawaiian Sovereignty Working Group, Hui Na'aau, Native Hawaiian Vote which established a ConCon and several constitutions that were not taken out to the people because there was no money for that final step and others as well as workshops, seminars, lectures, etc.. Those who participated and those with whom the information was shared learned more about our rights and how to create a nation. The general public learned along with us and in general cheered us on as did the Legislature and OHA.

Our problem is none of our so-called leaders and self-annointed leaders have been willing to work together nor to compromise. These alii nui need to come together, map out an action plan and convince ka po'e it is real and achievable. Until that time the government entities need to provide us with support and let us do our own nation building, a long arduous and torturous road. But we, Ka po'e Hawaii, are the driving force. We are the music makers. We are the dreamers of dreams.

Please defer thie resolution.

Mahalo,

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