

## TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, March 14, 2011

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, convened at 12:07 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Carroll, Coffman, McKelvey and Morita, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Day was deferred.

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the Members of the House:

Representative C. Lee introduced the 5th and 6th grade students of St. Patrick School and their teachers, Mr. Dan Diffenderfer, Ms. Brittany Aiwohi, Ms. Allison Stone, Ms. Michiko Deutscher, Ms. Brandi De Los Santos, Mr. Vince Ho-Ching and Ms. Cherylyn Inouye.

Representative Marumoto also recognized Mr. Shaun Kim, son of Mrs. Stephanie Kim of the University of Hawaii Government Relations Office.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS  
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 102) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 102, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE HAWAIIAN CAUCUS DAY," was offered by Representative Hanohano.

Representative Hanohano moved that H.R. No. 102 be adopted, seconded by Representative C. Lee.

The Hawaiian Caucus honored four individuals, seated on the Floor of the House, for their selfless dedication to the Hawaiian culture and community.

Representative Hanohano introduced Mr. Jerry Konanui of Pahoia, well known for his expertise in Hawaiian *kalo*, *awa*, *ko* and *'uala*, and his efforts to perpetuate traditional food and medicinal plants. Seated in the gallery was his wife, Mrs. Gladys Konanui.

Representative Har introduced Uncle Shad Kane of Kapolei, a tireless leader in the Hawaiian community promoting Hawaiian culture and heritage in the Kapolei and West Oahu region. Seated in the gallery were his wife, Mrs. Valerie Kane; and grandson, Mr. Brennan Aiona.

Representative C. Lee introduced Kumu Hula Leina'ala Kalama Heine of Waimanalo, best known for her extensive knowledge and dedication to the tradition of *mele hula* and *mele oli*, and the preservation of Hawaiian culture.

Representative Riviere introduced Kupuna Dorothy Kanani Awai of Haleiwa, Hawaiian studies teacher and long-time *ukulele* and music instructor, perpetuating the tradition of Hawaiian music.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 102 was adopted, with Representatives Carroll, Coffman, McKelvey and Morita being excused.

At 12:23 o'clock p.m. the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:33 o'clock p.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representatives Rhoads and McKelvey, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 951) recommending that S.B. No. 1089, SD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1089, SD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Pine rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Fontaine rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Thielen rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1089, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISLOCATED WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representatives Carroll, Coffman, Keith-Agaran, Marumoto, McKelvey, Morita and Nakashima being excused.

Representative M. Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 952) recommending that H.B. No. 200, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 200, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise with reservations."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Please proceed with your reservations. May I incorporate your remarks for this on Third Reading, as well?"

Representative Ward: "Do you mean, will I change my mind, or will I say the same thing that I'm going to say now?"

Speaker Say: "If you will be saying the same thing that you are going to say today, so we can incorporate it and shorten the Journal."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Possibly. If my words are taken to heart, I won't have to speak again. If they're not taken to heart, then I have to remind people. There are a few things that need correction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for that primer to my thoughts because first I want to commend the Budget Chair for a job well done, almost. But because it puts the COFA funds as a separate issue, and it takes them out of the purview of what otherwise is now about \$120 million per year for the Micronesians, social, educational, and other budget. It also recognizes that we as an independent Body rejected what otherwise the Fifth Floor, of which many people thought

because the Fifth Floor says it, we're going to do it. And this budget does not reflect that perspective.

"Mr. Speaker, I do have a concern about the tenor and tone of the Committee Report, and I hope that in the Third and Final Reading, I won't have to mention this because it's more like 'tsunami' language. It says the impact of the previous Administration's policy has been widespread, significant, and devastating. I don't think that's very fair or objective. And I know we always like to blame the guys that came before us, but this is not very erudite, nor fair, quite frankly. There's too much that we have control over which we blame people before us.

"The other thing, Mr. Speaker, is that the Council of Revenues, within 24 hours after this budget went in and bumped us up by \$266 million. If we would have waited, maybe there would be less shock value in this budget because right now, there's a huge gap that's been acknowledged within that short period of time. And if we looked at the realities of what happened last Thursday, thank God we're all safe, but look at what's going on in Japan. Japan and the visitor industry is going to be direly affected by that. You can add another \$100 million because of the downturn of Japanese tourism that's going to occur because of the tsunami.

"So the point is we are going to be in deeper trouble than we already had anticipated. We've still got to look for more savings. We've still got to look at some of those structural flaws. Mr. Speaker, we've got 13 hospitals which are bleeding every year. About \$25 to \$50 million. We've got to look at getting those things structured and restructured.

"I'm also concerned that we only have a three-year plan. The six-year plan is what is called for in the Constitution. This is a three-year plan, even though there was a six-year plan submitted, it was the Lingle Administration's one. But what came from the Fifth Floor and what I've seen in this one is only for three years, so we've still got three years to go to see if we're out of the woods.

"One of the last points, Mr. Speaker is, 'Okay, yeah. You Minority guys. You stand up and you make complaints and you give different kinds of slighted comments here and there.' And the often-asked question is the one I'm going to end on. It is, 'Okay what are you, the Minority. What are you going to do about this? Where are your cuts? Where's your balanced budget?'

"And, Mr. Speaker, I want to announce that the Minority in its second year of going to put out its alternative budget. It's still under construction, but it's going to be at [www.hawaii.statebudgetonline.com](http://www.hawaii.statebudgetonline.com). So anybody can see it and it's for the public to basically look at an Excel sheet that's interactive. They can choose which revenues that they want to use to fund it. Taxes if they want to increase taxes. They have the choice. And what expenditures they want to add, or they want to subtract.

"So, Mr. Speaker, when somebody says, 'Well they stand up and they complain. But they don't have a delivery system,' [www.hawaii.statebudgetonline.com](http://www.hawaii.statebudgetonline.com) is that delivery system. For the following reasons and those that I've just spoke of, I have strong reservations. Thank you."

Representative Ching rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of Representative Ward be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 200, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Carroll, Coffman, Marumoto, McKelvey, Morita and Nakashima being excused.

Representative M. Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 953) recommending that H.B. No. 300, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 953 on H.B. No. 300, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of H.B. No. 300, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative M. Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 954) recommending that H.B. No. 400, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 954 on H.B. No. 400, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of H.B. No. 400, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 98 through 101) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 107 through 111) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 98, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT OR THE SUNSHINE LAW," was offered by Representative Carroll.

H.R. No. 99, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2011 AS EDUCATION AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH IN HAWAII," was jointly offered by Representatives Mizuno, Brower, Takai and Takumi.

H.R. No. 100, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS IN HAWAII TO VOLUNTARILY REFRAIN FROM SELLING, PURCHASING, AND DISTRIBUTING PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN BISPHENOL-A," was jointly offered by Representatives Mizuno, Cabanilla, Thielen, Awana and Brower.

H.R. No. 101, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO NETWORK AND COOPERATE TO SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES IN HAWAII," was offered by Representative Mizuno.

H.C.R. No. 107, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATUS OF TWO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO IN 1893 BETWEEN UNITED STATES PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND AND QUEEN LILLI'UOKALANI OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, CALLED THE LILLI'UOKALANI ASSIGNMENT AND THE AGREEMENT OF RESTORATION," was offered by Representative Carroll.

H.C.R. No. 108, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT OR THE SUNSHINE LAW," was offered by Representative Carroll.

H.C.R. No. 109, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2011 AS EDUCATION AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH IN HAWAII," was jointly offered by Representatives Mizuno, Brower, Takai and Takumi.

H.C.R. No. 110, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS IN HAWAII TO VOLUNTARILY REFRAIN FROM SELLING, PURCHASING, AND DISTRIBUTING PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN BISPHENOL-A," was jointly offered by Representatives Mizuno, Cabanilla, Thielen, Awana and Brower.

H.C.R. No. 111, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO NETWORK AND COOPERATE TO SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES IN HAWAII," was offered by Representative Mizuno.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing with decision making to follow on S.B. No. 1274, SD 2, Relating to Health Insurance, on Tuesday, March 15, at 11:20 a.m. in Conference Room 329, and the Chair "so ordered."

"Mr. Speaker, and Members, just to let you know, the Insurance Commissioner came to me this morning requesting a waiver for this bill due to the fact that without this measure, they're dealing with the issue of federal preemptive. Thank you."

Representative Hanohano: "I would just like to make an announcement for members of the Hawaiian Caucus to meet in front of the Caucus Room for picture taking for those that didn't come the first time, so we'll be all together. Thank you."

Representative Cabanilla: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an announcement. Mr. Speaker, Members, in light of the catastrophe and the loss of lives in increasing numbers in Sendai, Japan, I would like to share with you my very delightful experience with spending two successive winters in Sendai, Japan. As a young second lieutenant in the Army Reserves, Mr. Speaker, many, many years ago when the price of Sapporo beer was 25 cents in US dollars, per bottle, I had the opportunity to spend time with Japanese soldiers, as well as the local people in Sendai.

"In Sendai, Mr. Speaker, there was a US Air Force base that was gifted to the Japanese Army. But the recollection that I have of those cold winters was how warm and respectful the people were, and of their inspiring hospitality. When we walked to a restaurant, Mr. Speaker, and there were no empty tables, the locals would stand up so they could offer their tables to us. They would sing karaoke in English just to impress us, and they did a pretty good job at it. As a female soldier, Mr. Speaker, they gave me the same amount of respect as that of the male soldiers.

"As a recipient of their inspiring hospitality, Mr. Speaker and Members, I ask that we pray for them for they have demonstrated in more ways than one, that they are a people who honor us and serve as an ally to this country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members, for listening to my story."

Representative Awana: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, the people of Hawaii recognize that a large and prominent migration of Japanese have come to settle here in our Aloha State and as stated by President Obama, when we face these kinds of natural disasters whether it is in New Zealand or Japan, then you think about your own family and you think how would you feel if you lost a loved one or if your entire life savings were gone because of the devastation.

"Mr. Speaker and Members, we too faced the possibility of a tsunami hitting us during the early morning of March 11. Substantial damages were sustained in both Maui and Hawaii counties. And this time we were spared compared to what could have been. Let this be a call to action to live life to its fullest because it can be taken away in a matter of minutes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At 12:43 o'clock p.m. Representative B. Oshiro requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:57 o'clock p.m.

Speaker Say: "The Chair has an announcement to make this afternoon and for all the Members. For all of us, this is a day of loss for the House of Representatives, but a day of great benefit to the citizens of the State of Hawaii. Representative Hermina Morita will be resigning from the House today to assume the Chairpersonship of the Public Utilities Commission.

"Governor Abercrombie has made a fine choice in appointing her to that position. We all know of Representative Morita's work ethic, intelligence, and dedication to the public good. These attributes will enable her to lead the Public Utilities Commission and the State of Hawaii to a better future.

"Representative Morita, at this time, on behalf of your colleagues in the House, we would like to present you with this token of our appreciation and friendship. Representative Blake Oshiro, please proceed."

At this time, Representative B. Oshiro presented Representative Morita with a gavel on behalf of the House of Representatives.

Representative Tokioka: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is a very proud day for Kauai today. Two of our former legislators were confirmed by the Senate today. I'm assuming that former Senator Hooser was confirmed as well, right? So on behalf of all of the people on Kauai, we want to extend to the Representative from Hanalei our best wishes. We know that she will do an excellent job at the PUC. We know that the people on Kauai will be better served. We know that the State of Hawaii will be better served with you there, Mina. Congratulations on your appointment. Mahalo."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, on behalf of your Minority we wish to also commend the Representative for a new era, and I know Representative Thielen is going to really miss you, and Representative Riviere. They're going to pine for the environmental excellence that you bring.

"But, Mr. Speaker, I hope that she will not leave until renewable energy is ingrained, institutionalized, and we are off that \$7 billion which you've stood and spoken so often about on this Floor. Well done, and may I propose a standing ovation for our illustrious Member from Kauai. Thank you."

Representative Belatti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that it's not usual for someone to stand on this, but I think I do want to make a few remarks. I stand with deepest Aloha for my colleague from Hanalei. A quote by Margaret Mead probably most explains or applies to the Representative of Kauai. It's that you should never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever does. And Mina embodies that type of small, but thoughtful, committed citizen that can move the world.

"The following are just a few of the accolades afforded to the Representative during her recent confirmation hearings as Chairwoman. Mina leaves a legacy of environmental policy advances. There is simply no person in Hawaii who knows more about energy than Mina. She tackles important policy changes before most people even understand their implications, and she operates with integrity and keeps her word.

"Mr. Speaker, as you said, it is truly a loss for this Chamber that Mina will be leaving us, but it is a gain for the State to have a Chair who understand the necessity and complexity of modernizing Hawaii's regulatory systems so that we can achieve that prosperous and sustainable future for Hawaii that we all want. I am honored to count the senior Representative from Kauai as a role model, mentor and friend, and she will be missed.

"And if there's one quote that I would hold deeply as I move forward in my career it is what she has once said on this Floor in these Chambers.

That doing nothing is not an option, not if we call ourselves leaders. Thank you to the Representative from Kauai, for all of her service."

Representative M. Lee: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's sort of a sad and a happy day for me personally. In 1996 Mina and I came in together, and we're the last two left of the class of 1996, so I guess I'll have to tough it out alone. I wanted to share some of the things that Mina and I have shared together over the years because it's really been a wonderful friendship.

"Thank you, Mina, for sharing things like the ferry from Lahaina to Kauai. Limahuli Garden, which is so beautiful. Swimming in that freshwater mountain stream; kind of risky when you think about some of the diseases you can catch. Sharing a Corona while watching the sunset. Hiking the Alakai Swamp. Being Flemming Fellows in China, which was really a special experience thanks to Roy who's sitting there kind of dozing off. And thank you also for being the partner with Representative Thielen and I on the Women's Caucus. You've always been willing to speak up for the tough issues. Always been willing to give the speech on emergency contraception when others wouldn't, and you don't know how much I appreciate that.

"We'll miss you very much, but after all you are not going to Mars. You're going to be almost right next door. And so we hope that we'll be able to share other experiences with you in the future. But again you will be remembered for your hard work here in the Legislature, and for your insistence upon making good policy. You'll be remembered for the 'Bottle Bill.' I want to thank you very much for your friendship and for what you've given to this House. Aloha."

Representative Tokioka: "Mr. Speaker, not an announcement but I know how shy Representative Morita is, but can we ask her to introduce her family because I know how much she loves her grandchildren and her family. So, Mr. Speaker, could we ask the Representative to do that? Thank you."

Representative Takumi: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Before Representative Morita stands up and introduces her family and gives her final remarks into the Journal, I'd be remiss if I didn't say a few words as well.

"First of all, Mina, I thought for sure I'd be before you. But heck, I'm still here and you're going to be leaving so that's a commendation on your part I suppose. We first met when Mina decided to run for office and I still remember sitting down with her, and I left that meeting with her realizing that here's this woman, and I think that for those of you who know Mina's history, born and raised on Lanai in a very simple family in the best sense of the word. The kind of values that you have growing up in a small community like Lanai and boarded at Kamehameha School, and after that moving to Washington D.C. to work for Senator Hiram Fong, a Republican. That goes to show you she's bipartisan in that respect.

"And so I always was amazed that someone who was born and raised on Lanai who kind of had dreams for herself, ended up in Washington D.C. and ended up on Kauai with Lance to raise a wonderful family. And here she is today and still that same person, unassuming and modest. And we found out how stubborn she can be as well, but stubborn in the very best sense of the word, Mr. Speaker, because stubborn also means someone who can persevere. Someone who is focused. Someone that remains committed to the common goal that we all believe in and that is for a better Hawaii. And I think that kind of skill set will serve her well as Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.

"So I'm going to miss Mina a lot, but again she's going to be just down the road so it's not like she's going anywhere anytime soon. We wish her the best, and we know she'll do a wonderful job for the State of Hawaii. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Morita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm kind of bummed that I missed the Roll Call this morning. That was supposed to be my last roll call and votes. And I'm sorry to keep you waiting, and thank you for my gavel. As Chair of the Public Utilities Commission I can guarantee you that I will be making good use of it. So thank you.

"I'd like to introduce my family. My two daughters are here. My daughter Mindy Laney. And my daughter Misha Taylor, and my son-in-law Ben Taylor. Also my three granddaughters. We have Mindy's daughter Halia Tinder; and Ben and Misha's daughters Kauano Taylor, and Lililehua Taylor who turned four today. I also have my sisters, Phyllis McFadden, Alberta de Jetley, and my *hanai tita*, Suki Nakoa. My husband Lance is out of state right now.

"If I may, Mr. Speaker, I have a statement. I've always thought that when I left the Legislature that it would be to return to Hanalei and to retire. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I'd be leaving without completing a term, and to take on a new challenge. And here I am today to say goodbye and thanking my colleagues. I didn't even participate in my last Floor session, but thank you.

"And as the Representative from Mililani-Mauka said, I am leaving her and she will be the last remaining person from the freshman class of 1997. It's been a privilege and honor to serve the Island of Kauai and the State of Hawaii for the past 15 years. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely grateful to you and my colleagues for your continued confidence in me to have Chaired the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection for the past 13 years.

"This leadership assignment undoubtedly helped to define my legislative career and opened the opportunity for me to further serve the State of Hawaii as the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission. This would not have been possible without all of your support and faith in me. Thank you.

"Under the current PUC Chair, Carlito Caliboso's thoughtful and steady leadership, the PUC has been evolving to keep up with the changing technology and innovation to meet the State's changing policies and consumer demands. I hope to build upon this foundation in a strong partnership with my fellow Commissioners, the Legislature and the Administration to enhance the capacity of the PUC to serve the needs of this State in the most cost effective way. And I know I'll be appearing before the CPC Committee and Finance Committee on many issues. So I'll just be sitting on the other side of the table now.

"But before I leave, I wanted to share some thoughts with you that have helped me navigate the political arena in the past 15 years and I think it's quite appropriate since it's Hawaiian Caucus Day.

"Years ago, I saw an embroidered pillow at a friend's house and it read, 'Be careful of the toes you step on today. It might be connected to the ass you have to kiss tomorrow.' So be kind and gentle to each other, and practice Hawaii's triple bottom line, the values that identify us as a special state. *Aloha*, to practice compassion and love, *Kuleana*, to take responsibility for one's action. And *malama pono*, to do what is right and just.

"These are the Hawaii values that we share to build stronger families, a better work environment and sustainable communities. As I look forward to taking on this new challenge I leave you with a heavy heart because of all the many special relationships I have formed with my colleagues and our dedicated support staff.

"I especially want to thank Jen Lucien, my office manager who has not only been a dedicated staff member, but a trusted friend and confidant. Merissa and Lahela, you both have been so awesome and I'm sorry to leave you, but I know the person that takes my place will be in good hands with both of you. And I thank my family, my family on Kauai, Lanai and Oahu. And my good friends, Carol and Gaylord Wilcox, and a special friend, Harold Bronstein. These people have been the pillars of my support.

"Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I am sad, but our work together will continue, just with me in another capacity, in a different role as we strive to build a better future for Hawaii. Thank you."

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>H.R.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Referred to:</u>
96	Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, then to the Committee on Finance
97	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Finance
98	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
99	Committee on Education
100	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
101	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Finance

H.C.R.  
Nos.Referred to:

105	Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, then to the Committee on Finance
106	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Finance
107	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Legislative Management
108	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
109	Committee on Education
110	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
111	Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Finance

S.B.  
Nos.Referred to:

671, SD2	Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Legislative Management
893, SD3	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance

## COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

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Nos.Re-referred to:

40, SD2	Committee on Health, then jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary
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41,  
SD1 Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

142,  
SD1 Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Finance

741,  
SD1 Jointly to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance

831,  
SD2 Committee on Finance

## ADJOURNMENT

At 1:13 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Pine and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 15, 2011. (Representatives Carroll, Coffman, Marumoto, McKelvey and Nakashima were excused.)

## OTHER COMMUNICATIONS



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The Honorable Calvin Say  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Say:

I wish to inform you that I have accepted an appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie to serve as a Public Utilities Commissioner per the attached Governor's Message No. 523. Therefore, I hereby submit my notice of resignation as State Representative, House District 14 effective March 14, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the island of Kauai and State of Hawaii for the past fifteen years. I am especially grateful for your and my colleagues' continued confidence in me to have chaired the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection for the past thirteen years. This leadership assignment undoubtedly helped to define my legislative career and opened the opportunity for me to further serve the State of Hawaii as the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.

As I look forward to taking on this new challenge, I leave the people's house with a heavy heart because of the many special relationships I have formed with my colleagues and the dedicated support staff within this venerable institution. However, I know our work will continue together as we all strive for a better future for Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

*Hermína M. Morita*

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cc: The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor, State of Hawaii  
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February 4, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 269-2, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am herewith submitting the appointment of Hermina Morita to serve as Public Utilities Commissioner to the Senate, for its consideration and appointment. The expiration date of this appointment is June 30, 2014.

*Neil Abercrombie*  
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Governor, State of Hawaii

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