

FORTY-FIRST DAY

Friday, April 1, 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 Vice Speaker Manahan presiding, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Ching, Hashem, Ito, Souki and Takumi, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 191) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 191, dated March 29, 2011, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2011-13 Executive Budget for the Department of Accounting and General Services, Office of the Governor, and Department of Land and Natural Resources. [H.B. No. 200]

1. Add \$1,300,000 for FY 12 and \$700,000 for FY 13 in general funds for increases in electricity expenditure and water/sewer charges.
2. Add \$1,200,000 for FY 12 and \$1,200,000 for FY 13 in Special Funds for the Office of the Governor Program.
3. Add \$475,000 for FY 12 in general funds for the Natural and Physical Environment Program.
4. Add \$7,800,000 for FY 12 in general obligation bonds for a capital improvement project request for the Natural and Physical Environment Program.
5. Add \$2,500,000 for FY 12 in county funds for a capital improvement project for the Public Lands Management Program.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 382) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 382, dated March 31, 2011, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

- S.B. No. 1069, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 1489, SD 1, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative M. Lee introduced her son, Mr. John Lee, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Representative Johanson introduced his friend and former colleague at the Office of Presidential Personnel, Mr. JB Horton from Texas.

Representative Ward introduced a former Peace Corp volunteer, Mr. Chuck Freedman.

Representative Awana introduced individuals from across the Asia-Pacific region participating in the Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders program:

- Mr. Julio Amador, Foreign Service Institute;
Mr. Nien-Chung Chang Liao, Natinoal Chengchi University;

Mr. Sungmin Cho, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Ms. Linnea Duvall, US Pacific Command;
Ms. Eleni Ekmektsioglou, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Ms. Christina Failma, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Sr. Col. Gaoyue Fan, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Mr. David Janes, United States-Japan Foundation;
Mr. Kei Koga, Nanyang Technological University;
Dr. Mingjiang Li, Nanyang Technological University;
Ms. Lynn Maehara, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Ms. Alisa Modica, University of Hawaii;
Mr. Ivan Rasmussen, Tufts University;
Mr. Max Rebol, Fudan University;
Mr. Eric Sayers, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Ms. Yujing Shentu, East-West Center;
Dr. Ta Minh Tuan, Pacific Forum CSIS;
Ms. Di Wang, Texas A&M University;
Mr. Kyle Wachi, Consulate General of Japan;
Mrs. Adrian Yi, Pacific Forum CSIS; and
Ms. Xioyi Audrey Ze, University of Hawaii.

Representative Awana also recognized other program participants:

Ms. Adrian Yi and Ms. Christina Hatfield with the Pacific Forum, CSIS; Sir William Souza from Royal Order of Kamehameha; Mr. Jan Rumi from the Office of the Morocco Honorary Consulate; and Mr. Aliman Sears from the Community Empowerment Services.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 297) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 297, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HENK ROGERS, BLUE PLANET FOUNDATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND STAFF FOR EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS," was offered by Representative M. Oshiro.

Representative M. Oshiro moved that H.R. No. 297 be adopted, seconded by Representative Coffman.

Representative M. Oshiro commended the Blue Planet Foundation for their dedication and efforts to end Hawaii's and the world's dependence on fossil fuel, and introduced the honorees seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Henk Rogers, Founder and Chairman of Blue Planet Foundation;
Mrs. Akemi Rogers, Board Member;
Mr. Jeff Mikulina, Executive Director;
Mr. Stanley Hong, Board Member; and
Former Governor George Ariyoshi, Board Member.

Representative Coffman then introduced Blue Planet Foundation staff members who were seated in the gallery:

Mr. Francois Rogers, Special Projects Director;
Mr. David Aquino, Project Specialist;
Mr. Eric Batalon, Volunteer Manager;
Ms. Catherine Lo, Communications Director;
Ms. Ivory McClintock, Program Specialist; and
Mr. Doug Codiga and Mr. Mike Champley, Consultants.

Representative Coffman also introduced family members seated in the gallery:

Mr. Henk and Mrs. Akemi Roger's family
Daughter, Mrs. Maya Rogers Kiyomura, and her husband, Mr. Roger Kiyomura;

Daughter, Ms. Julie Rogers;
Sons, Mr. Michael Rogers and Mr. Leo Rogers; and
Granddaughter, Miss Honey Rogers.

Mr. Jeff Mikulina's family

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Lynne Mikulina of Wisconsin.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 297 was adopted, with Representatives Ching, Takumi and Wooley being excused.

The following resolution (H.R. No. 298) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 298, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING THE 'EWA ALL-STARS TEAM FOR WINNING THE PONY BRONCO DIVISION WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP," was jointly offered by Representatives Pine, Hanohano, Mizuno, Johanson and Ward.

Representative Pine moved that H.R. No. 298 be adopted, seconded by Representative Cabanilla.

Representative Pine commended the 'Ewa All-Stars baseball team for their winning spirit and inspiration, and introduced the honorees seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Randall Wago, Manager; and
Team Co-Captains:
Mr. Chase Wago, Pitcher, First base and Outfield;
Mr. Dorrien Hermosura, Pitcher;
Mr. Jobe Ibana, Shortstop and Catcher; and
Mr. Bula Sprinkel, Outfield.

Representative Cabanilla also congratulated the 'Ewa All-Stars and introduced other members of the team seated in the gallery:

Assistant Coaches, Mr. Shag Hermosura, Mr. Dean Ibana and Mr. Greg Palipti.

Team Members, Mr. Justin Areola, Mr. Darren Gallano, Mr. Garrison Gamil, Mr. Kainoa Ganancial, Mr. Ian Kahaloa, Mr. Christian James CJ Laroco, Mr. Jake Mendoza, Mr. Gaston Palipti, Mr. Chevez Rusty Pascua and Mr. Hugh Yamashiro.

Team Moms, Ms. Robyn Wago and Ms. Yvette Palipti.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 298 was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Takumi and Wooley being excused.

At 12:35 o'clock p.m. the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:43 o'clock p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative McKelvey, for the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1272), recommending that H.R. No. 139, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1273), recommending that H.C.R. No. 159, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 139; and H.C.R. No. 159, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to both measures, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Hawaii State Bank. Mr. Speaker, in our opening prayer, Reverend Heidel said we should be mindful of the moral principles that tie us together. This means for this bill we should be mindful of the economic principles that divide us."

Representative B. Oshiro rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. This isn't a bill, so he should refer to it as a resolution."

The Chair then stated:

"Thank you, very much. Representative Ward, this is a resolution."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"I think it used to be a bill, which is probably why I'm speaking, because in the beginning it was a bill to establish the State Bank of Hawaii. Thank you, Majority Leader, for reminding me how bad it was when it said that the Governor of the State of Hawaii was going to be the Chairman of the Board, and his political appointees were going to be the directors. This bill, for some of us, I think that the job of the private sector is business, and the job of the public sector is government. This is crossing the line.

"And now the good thing is, and why I voted against this bill before I voted for it ..."

Representative B. Oshiro rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order."

Representative Ward: "I'm getting to the point."

Representative B. Oshiro: "Under Mason's he should just be talking about the measure that's before us. Section 101 doesn't allow him to refer to bills. Please just refer to the reso and the contents in the reso so we can move on because it is going to Finance and I'm sure he's going to have another opportunity in Finance. Thank you."

Vice Speaker Manahan: "Representative Ward, please confine your comments to the reso."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, I'm impressed with the sensitivity, and flattered by the Majority Leader standing to make sure I don't say anything that makes this bill look even worse than it actually is."

Vice Speaker Manahan: "Representative Ward, this is a resolution."

Representative Ward: "This reso. Excuse me, this resolution any worse than it actually is. And why that is, is because usually when we do a task force in a resolution, all we say is, 'we recommend,' or 'we suggest' in the task force. That is recommend stuff. This one says to make actual implementation plans. That's going a little bit over the line which I think economically speaking, it goes over the line because the American Bankers Association and others have said, 'We don't need this. Who is short of loans? The banks are still open. The loans are still available.'

"Just because North Dakota did it a hundred years ago and they've got a bit of a surplus, they're helping the economy out, I don't think we should take resources in our government to do this, nor take resources out of what now I think is the Bank of Hawaii who has our current account, or other banks, to siphon into the government and to pretend that we're going to have an economic advantage by it.

"Mr. Speaker, the point is this is not good policy. And it's one of those economic principles that divide I think, the number of people in this particular Body. As the resolution is, I hope it doesn't get any farther. Thank you, very much."

Representative M. Lee rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"I stand in support of these resolutions. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of these resolutions is to establish a task force to review, investigate, and study the feasibility and cost of establishing the Bank of the State of Hawaii.

"The creation of a State Bank would have some beneficial effects on the State's economy possibly by making credit more available in the State, and would add stability to the State banking industry, particularly in times of recession and could do this in a positive way.

"A public bank would not be beholden to the profit-based agendas of private banks, thereby permitting the Bank of the State of Hawaii to leverage capital on a fractional basis without consideration for shareholder earnings or market expectations. The Bank of the State of Hawaii would be able to better engage in long-term planning based on available deposits and revenue forecasts.

"The Bank of North Dakota has been in existence for many years and during the past decade has directed more than \$300 million back into the economy of that State. Although primarily functioning in agricultural loans, the bank's success has been noticed recently by several other states including Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon, and now Hawaii.

"In times of austerity, Mr. Speaker, we need to consider every possibility for economic advancement, and the proposed task force on a State Bank is just one option. I urge the Members' support. Thank you."

Representative McKelvey rose in support of both measures and asked that the remarks of Representative M. Lee be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Ching rose to speak in opposition to both measures, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition and I ask that the words of the Minority Leader be entered as my own with some of the exceptions of the comments made on whether it was a bill or reso. And I would like additional written comments.

"When we're talking about a bank and we're using jurisdictions such as North Dakota, I always think it's kind of important to recognize the unique environment to each idea. And I just wanted to put out the fact that North Dakota has one of the absolute top educational performances in the United States of America. It's a certain kind of state that can talk about the fact that their educational system is the top.

"You may wonder, well what does that have to do with a bank? Well it's a different kind of a state. So here we're hoping that we can do the same, but again maybe our private sector needs a little more help. Thank you."

Representative Ching's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition of HR 139, HCR 159. The main concern is simply that public funds being deposited into a State Bank would be insured by the State itself. Without the benefit of being insured by a separate entity like the National Credit Union Administration (which insures and oversees all credit unions in the State of Hawaii), the state would be in an extremely precarious situation in the event of any financial difficulty within the bank. Thank you."

Representative Marumoto rose in opposition to both measures and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Marumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"In opposition. If the Hawaii State government starts a bank, what business is next? Insurance? Motor carrier businesses? Visitor Industry enterprises?"

Representative Awana rose and stated:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just would like to ask for the same courtesy as the Representative from Lanai, to adopt the words from the Representative from Mililani, as well as to also stress perhaps that if we had that \$300 million that North Dakota had for their education, and if we did the same, I'm sure we would have an excellent system in Hawaii as well. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 139, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING THE TASK FORCE ON ESTABLISHING THE BANK OF THE STATE OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ching, Marumoto and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 159, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING THE TASK FORCE ON ESTABLISHING THE BANK OF THE STATE OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ching, Marumoto and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1274), recommending that H.R. No. 241, be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1275), recommending that H.C.R. No. 274, be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 241; and H.C.R. No. 274, be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Fontaine rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"Yes, Mr. Speaker. Please note my reservations. If I may just have brief comments. Although these resolutions are a very 'feel-good' type of resolution, police officers under their general orders in the State of Hawaii are not allowed to take discounts and gifts just for the reason of the ethics issue. So I was hoping that at Committee level, we were going to take that piece out. Although I want to support police officers, being a retired officer myself, there are situations within their general orders that do not allow them to take the discounts. Thus my reservations. Thank you."

Representative McKelvey rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, with reservations and I would like the words of the previous speaker, the Representative from Kihei, aka my 'brother from another mother,' entered into the record as if they were my own."

Representative Pine rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"Same request, except for the 'brother from another mother' thing. Sister from another mother."

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to both measures, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I can't match that one. Just to underline the wisdom of someone who has for 24 years done the job of a first responder, the Representative from Maui speaks with wisdom. We should not be

codifying, reinforcing, or otherwise stereotyping any of these people as people who want to do this, and that we are promoting that they would like to do this.

"But if people on an individual basis have a business and want to do that, that's different. But when it gets to this level at the House at the State Legislature, I think it tends to cross the line a bit. It starts to get to where the 'smell test' may have to be applied. It gets to be where the Ethics Commission that is now looking at us and our abilities to accept \$25 to \$200 etc. It makes us all look bad, Mr. Speaker. So I would suggest this should probably not go very far. So I want to vote no. Thank you."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 241, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING RETAILERS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR WORK FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY," was referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 274, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING RETAILERS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR WORK FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY," was referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1276), recommending that H.R. No. 178, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1277), recommending that H.C.R. No. 207, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 178; and H.C.R. No. 207, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 178, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 207, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1278), recommending that H.R. No. 179, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1279), recommending that H.C.R. No. 208, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 179; and H.C.R. No. 208, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 179, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PRISONS IN HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 208, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PRISONS IN HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1280), recommending that H.R. No. 157, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 157, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPLICATION FOR, GRANTING OF, AND FISCAL SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI IN THE WAKE OF THE MARCH 2011 TSUNAMI," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1281), recommending that H.C.R. No. 183, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 183, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPLICATION FOR, GRANTING OF, AND FISCAL SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI IN THE WAKE OF THE MARCH 2011 TSUNAMI," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1282), recommending that H.R. No. 213, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 213, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND EACH COUNTY TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS OF THOSE IN HAWAII AFFECTED BY THE MARCH 11, 2011, TSUNAMI," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1283), recommending that H.C.R. No. 250, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 250, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND EACH COUNTY TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS OF THOSE IN HAWAII AFFECTED BY THE MARCH 11, 2011, TSUNAMI," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1284), recommending that H.R. No. 14, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 14, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1285), recommending that H.C.R. No. 13, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 13, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1286), recommending that H.R. No. 249, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1287), recommending that H.C.R. No. 282, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 249; and H.C.R. No. 282, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Takai rose in support of both measures and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Takai's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of these measures. For students to have a quality learning experience, it is critical that schools create a learning environment conducive to student achievement. These Resolutions would enhance the learning environment for the students who cope with the difficulties of staying focused in bearably hot classrooms.

"In 1998, Waianae High School teacher Naidah Gamurot's students posed a simple question: "Why are the portable classrooms used by the Department of Education (DOE) so stifling in hot weather?" Their goal was to figure out how the temporary structures could be cooled using minimum materials and making minimal structural changes by the average student or parent.

"The kids conducted the experiment themselves, on their own time, and learned about the process of science in a way that will help their fellow students. They built large-scale models of the portables, detailed down to window louvers and stilts so that airflow is similar. Interestingly, the students also learned a little bit of public reality: budget restrictions placed on the designers of the original buildings resulted in oven-like classrooms during the summer months.

"Many teachers and schools rely on fans as their first defense against the heat. But fans consume electricity, are mechanical and therefore require

maintenance. The students quickly discovered that while fans did cool the miniature classroom, it seems to be the least efficient method. Looking back, these students were pioneers in their simple quest to cool down their classrooms.

"Hawaii is now caught up with the rest of the country and world in the movement to be energy-efficient: Photovoltaic panels on all new development housing, hybrid and fully electric vehicles on our roadways, and wind farms dotting the fields of Kahuku to name a few initiatives.

"As a part of these efforts, the DOE completed a pilot project at Kahuku High and Intermediate School to explore alternative ways to cool classrooms other than by air conditioning. Methods such as roof insulation, heat reflective paint, additional windows, and wall insulation were installed on existing portable buildings. Data collection to determine effectiveness is underway and should be completed in April.

"Depending on the results of the data collection of the pilot project at Kahuku High and Intermediate, the DOE intends to move forward and implement these types of alternative cooling methods throughout its schools, including other types of buildings in addition to portable buildings.

"Other efforts include installation of ceiling fans in classrooms that are not air conditioned. The DOE is committed to green strategies and to finding feasible solutions in a sustainable manner and we must do our part of support their initiatives. Hawaii's temperature will not get cooler so we must adopt new ways to address this issue. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 249, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND ITS PILOT PROJECTS TO COOL HAWAII'S CLASSROOMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 282, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND ITS PILOT PROJECTS TO COOL HAWAII'S CLASSROOMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1288), recommending that H.R. No. 260, be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 260, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS FOR ITS STUDY ON THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMINAL-JUSTICE SYSTEM," was referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1289), recommending that H.C.R. No. 295, be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 295, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS FOR ITS STUDY ON THE DISPARATE TREATMENT OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS IN THE CRIMINAL-JUSTICE SYSTEM," was referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1290), recommending that H.R. No. 171, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1291), recommending that H.C.R. No. 198, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 171; and H.C.R. No. 198, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 171, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE JUDICIARY TO EXPEDITE THE SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR THE KONA JUDICIARY COMPLEX AND CONSIDER LA'I'OPUA AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE COMPLEX," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 198, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE JUDICIARY TO EXPEDITE THE SELECTION OF THE SITE FOR THE KONA JUDICIARY COMPLEX AND CONSIDER LA'I'OPUA AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE COMPLEX," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representatives Rhoads, Mizuno and Yamane, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1292), recommending that H.C.R. No. 128, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 128, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR STATE-FUNDED DRUG COVERAGE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ON THE USE OF REBATES, MANUFACTURER PAYMENTS, INCENTIVES, PRESCRIPTION REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PATIENTS' RIGHTS TO SELECT A PHARMACY PROVIDER OF THEIR OWN CHOICE," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Cabanilla, for the Committee on Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1293), recommending that H.C.R. No. 168, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 168, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTION 5 OF ACT 178, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2006," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1294), recommending that H.R. No. 201, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1295), recommending that H.C.R. No. 230, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 201, HD 1; and H.C.R. No. 230, HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

At 12:54 o'clock p.m. Representative Takai requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:55 o'clock p.m.

Representative Takai rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"Mr. Speaker. Thank you. In support. On these measures, Stand. Com. Nos. 1294 and 1295, I just wanted to point out, I thought we had fixed it, but I think there's some issue here and I hope to have it addressed in Finance. But in the title of these two resos it mentions a particular company and a particular test. The intent of the Committee, I do believe and the Vice Chair is not here, but I think her intent was to have the State Department of Education take a look at it. And also to urge the United States Department of Education to consider accepting a nationally recognized college entrance examination, either the ACT or SAT, but we didn't want to name a particular company nor a particular test. I just point that out and I hope that we can refine this later."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 201, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACT COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAM RESULTS FOR DETERMINING IF A SCHOOL IS MEETING "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" COMPLIANCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 230, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT THE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACT COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAM RESULTS FOR DETERMINING IF A SCHOOL IS MEETING "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" COMPLIANCE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1296) recommending that H.R. No. 114, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1297) recommending that H.C.R. No. 134, be adopted.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 114; and H.C.R. No. 134, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Takai rose in support of both measures and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Takai's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of these measures. Military men and women deploying overseas have few options for the care of their pets. Soldiers, often called up on a moment's notice, face the only alternatives of surrendering pets to a new home, dumping them in a shelter, or simply abandoning them.

"Pets are part of the family and while help is available for the deployed service member's families, there is often no one to care for the pets. The companionship that pets bring to families and individuals is immeasurable. Having to give up a pet when a person is deployed is unacceptable.

"Even when friends or relatives are willing to help with the soldier's dog or cat, problems can arise if the new animal has conflicts with existing

pets, family members, or housing arrangements. Overwhelmed shelters are filling with military pets and sometimes their only option is, sadly, to reject the pet or put it to sleep. Indeed, innocent animals are paying a price for our country's conflicts.

"On Oahu alone, animal non-profit groups report the euthanization of thousands of cats each year due to overpopulation and abandonment. No-kill shelters cannot support every pet that is left behind.

"These Resolutions will serve to assist pets in need by raising awareness to the issue of abandonment and providing legal guidelines regarding specific expectations for provisions of continued care of pets in the event of relocation or deployment. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 114, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL ACTIVE, RESERVE, AND GUARD COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUAL CARE FOR THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WHO ARE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY OR RELOCATE," was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 134, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL ACTIVE, RESERVE, AND GUARD COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUAL CARE FOR THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WHO ARE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY OR RELOCATE," was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1298) recommending that H.R. No. 53, be adopted.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 53, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH," was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1299) recommending that H.C.R. No. 60, be adopted.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 60, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH," was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1300) recommending that S.B. No. 1533, SD 1, 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 S.B. No. 1533, SD 1, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Ching rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. You've probably been seeing sort of a continuum on this issue that ironically we, the Aloha State being ranked so low in animal cruelty. And I know that the genesis of this bill, or one of the reasons for this bill was the recent killing of the peacock out there.

"And I just wanted to mention that it's an opportunity. The next time, there's a lot of people who said, 'Hey, you know. It's just an animal. It's just an animal.' And I know there's been some talk about the mongoose and the rat, but again, discernment. I guess I have this thought that I like discernment because when that peacock was killed, all the children including my daughter, when they saw it on the TV, were so hurt. And when we don't remember the children and what we're teaching them. This is a positive bill because it tells them something matters.

"I'm just going to read a little bit here. In Asian culture there's not such a wide gap between spiritual and material things as there seems to exist in western civilization. Religious symbols are important. The fact is the peacock is the symbol of openness and acceptance in different religions. In Hinduism it represents Bodhisattva. In cultural significance it was the all seeing eye of the holiness because of its beautiful feathers. And in Babylonia Persia it's seen as the guardian to royalty, and it represents the all seeing church, the ancient symbol of eternal life.

"And so when we allow, and I just personally disagree with the judge, when we allow these kinds of things, what we stand for. I used to tell my daughter, I said, 'You know that God's an artist when you look at the peacock.' Thanks."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1533, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1301) recommending that S.B. No. 105, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 105, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Belatti, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1302) recommending that S.B. No. 1067, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1302 on S.B. No. 1067, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, printed copies of S.B. No. 1067, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Har "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs, Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, and Judiciary will be meeting in Room 325 right after session to have a hearing on HCR 294. Thank you."

Representative Takai: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few days ago on March 29th we had a very unique and special ceremony in the Senate Chamber where we recognized families of fallen service members. I recall, Mr. Speaker, the time that you and I met in 2005 in your office and talked a little bit about this concept. I can think of two things today about that meeting.

"First, I don't think we both realized that we would still be doing this. And second, I don't think that we would have anticipated how much of a profound impact we've had on these families. We hear it almost daily how much they appreciate all of our efforts.

"So I wanted to thank you for not only giving me the opportunity to introduce and shepherd that bill through the Legislature, but for giving me the opportunity to once again coordinate this year's ceremony, as well as the preparations prior. But it took many, many people and I'd like to at this time acknowledge some of them.

"I'd like to first thank all of our staff here and in the Senate including the House Chief Clerk, Pat Mau-Shimizu and her staff; Senate Chief Clerk, Carol Taniguchi and her staff; House Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Kuroda and his staff; Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Ben Villaflor and his staff; and CJ Leong of the House Majority Staff Office and her staff.

"I wanted to recognize also the Planning Committee. Senate President Shan Tsutsui and Ross Tsukenjo; you, Mr. Speaker; Senator Will Espero and Marlene Uesugi; and Representative Henry Aquino and Maureen Andrade. In addition, we got support from Major General Darryll Wong and Eleanor Thommes.

"We also had a beautiful reception following the ceremony. I wanted to thank Marlene Uesugi and Venus Delos Santos from Senator Espero's office for coordinating this effort. A big *mahalo* also goes to the Senate Clerk's staff that coordinated the check-in table. In addition, Reyna Kaneko and the Girl Scout Council of Hawaii for their gift of Girl Scout cookies distributed to each of the families being honored. I also wanted to thank our Members who were hosts to these families. The pairing of legislators with families enhanced and really helped these families.

"Thanks also go to Tammy Tengan and the House Printshop for the certificates signed by every Member of the Legislature. This certificate accompanies every single medal and is appreciated by the families who receive them.

"We did get a lot of support and assistance from the military and I would like to recognize Elisia Lukasik from the US Pacific Command, who helped us with coordinating the ceremony participants, and Leighton Siu who helped us with protocol.

"I also wanted to mention some individuals who help us throughout the year in identifying the people that we recognized on Tuesday. From the Army, we thank Kole Miller, Chief of Protocol, and Ernestine Pratt from the 25th Infantry; from the Marines, we thank Colonel (retired) Chris Blanchard and Peter Swainson.

"In addition, as all of you noticed, the Medal itself is beautiful and I wanted to once again acknowledge Sergeant First Class Aaron Pollick from the Hawaii Army National Guard, who came up with the initial design which symbolizes, as we all agree, much more than the medal.

"But with that, a lot of other people participated, namely Symbol Arts who minted the Medal. We had Kent Untermann and Valerie Wang from Pictures Plus who did the assembly and framing. Rose Lee from Rose Lee's Alterations who helped us sew the ribbons. And Ty and Cindy Tamanaha from Awardline who helped us with the plaque.

"In addition, I'd like to acknowledge those who helped us enrich the experiences for the families who travel here in attending this event. We worked very closely with the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites – the Bowfin, the Missouri, the Pacific Aviation and the Arizona now called the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and they came through with support for the families. The Hale Koa Hotel and the Polynesian Cultural Center came through, and we worked specifically with the Hawaii Hotel Association to provide discounted hotel rates at participating hotels for the honorees and their families. All of these organizations and entities helped us as we helped the families make this a special visit to Hawaii.

"Many people were asking about the 'Olelo Broadcast and I wanted to make mention once again, that Capitol TV will be graciously providing a

DVD for each family, both present and not present at Tuesday's ceremony, and they will also be providing one for each one of us.

"As you all know, Mr. Speaker, much of our success and the things that we do in this Chamber, as well as in our communities, are the direct results of our staff. As I did last year and the years prior, I wanted to acknowledge my staff Lisa Vargas, Kristine Duong and Anthony Selvanathan from my staff.

"And as I said before, our staff makes us what we are. But more importantly, Lisa, our office manager, made us, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the entire Legislature and truthfully the entire State of Hawaii; she made us all look good throughout the entire nation. In fact, she has worked with the states of Alaska and New Hampshire to create their Medals of Honor to honor their sons and daughters. For us here in Hawaii, this has become an ongoing project, and over the last six years Lisa continues to work with the military throughout the year to identify service members and contact every single family we have had the privilege to honor and award.

"This medal went and continues to go to families with Hawaii ties and so far, as of December 31 of last year a total of 284 medals have been awarded. Unfortunately, however, the list continues to grow and we will unfortunately be having another ceremony.

"So Mr. Speaker, at this time I'd like to ask you and the Members of this House to recognize everybody that I mentioned and if we could give them a round of applause.

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to read an email from a very grateful father. His name is Timothy J. Poole Sr. Actually for those of you who recall, he was standing in the back during the ceremony, and was the last guy that got mentioned with the two Marines. In fact, he stood with the Marines at attention the entire time because he felt that that was what his son, Lance Corporal Timothy J. Poole would like. But he wrote to us:

Ceremonies like the State of Hawaii is having guarantees the families of fallen heroes that their loved ones and the sacrifice they have made for their country will never be forgotten. I can only hope and pray that one day every citizen of Hawaii knows and understands how much this ceremony means to a family of a fallen hero and how much they appreciate it, and that they will never forget what the people of Hawaii has done for their family.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ward: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think the former speaker, Major Takai, deserves a round of applause from all of us. Thank you, Representative. Well done.

"Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to thank the Chair of the Finance Committee who asked us all if we had any suggestions on how to balance the budget. And I want to announce that we have come up with a first draft. It's online, it's hawaii.statebudgetonline.com. We welcome people's feedback. There's a comment section and as we go toward *sine die*, this is a beginning, and I hope it's iron sharpening iron. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>H.R.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
7	Committee on Judiciary
56	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
142	Committee on Finance

- 177 Committee on Finance
- 240 Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Tourism
- 253 Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
- 261 Jointly to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, then to the Committee on Finance

H.C.R.**Nos.****Re-referred to:**

- 63 Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
- 163 Committee on Finance
- 205 Committee on Finance
- 273 Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Tourism
- 286 Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
- 294 Jointly to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
- 296 Jointly to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:09 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 Monday, April 4, 2011. (Representatives Belatti, Chang, Ito, Say, Takumi, Tokioka and Wooley were excused.)