

FIFTH-FOURTH DAY

Monday, April 23, 2012

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, convened at 11:37 o'clock a.m., with Speaker Say presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Miss Emma Belatti, daughter of Representative Belatti, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Wooley, who were excused.

At 11:40 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:07 o'clock p.m.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 239 through 241) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Gov. Msg. No. 239, dated April 20, 2012, submitting a proposed conference draft for H.B. No. 2495 to fund the supplemental agreement concerning Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4 and 8:

	FY 12	FY 13	Biennium
<u>Salaries and Fringe</u>			
General	\$ 69,544	\$ 73,718	\$ 143,262
Other	1,264	1,346	2,610
Total	\$ 70,808	\$ 75,064	\$ 145,872
<u>EUTF</u>			
General	\$ 788,079	\$ 788,079

Gov. Msg. No. 240, dated April 20, 2012, submitting a proposed conference draft for S.B. No. 2323 to fund the supplemental agreement concerning Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4, 6 and 13:

	FY 12	FY 13	Biennium
<u>Salaries and Fringe</u>			
General	\$ 589,194	\$ 622,760	\$ 1,211,954
Other	118,283	126,682	244,965
Total	\$ 707,477	\$ 749,442	\$ 1,456,919
<u>EUTF</u>			
General	\$ 255,744	\$ 255,744

Gov. Msg. No. 241, dated April 20, 2012, submitting a proposed conference draft for S.B. No. 2324 to fund the supplemental agreement concerning Bargaining Units 2, 3, 4 and 13:

	FY 12	FY 13	Biennium
<u>Salaries and Fringe</u>			
General	\$ 2,442,060	\$ 2,657,201	\$ 5,099,261
Other	12,407,007	13,291,394	25,698,401
Total	\$14,849,067	\$15,948,595	\$30,797,662
<u>EUTF</u>			
General	\$ 5,157,835	\$ 5,157,835

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 769 through 784) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 769, dated April 20, 2012, informing the House that the Senate has on April 19, 2012, reconsidered its action taken on April 19,

2012, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2412, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTS."

Sen. Com. No. 770, dated April 20, 2012, informing the House that the Senate has made the following changes to Senate Conferee assignments for the following bills:

H.B. No. 2338, Senator Kim added as Co-Chair.
HD 2, SD 1

S.B. No. 1065, Senator Kim added as Co-Chair and Senator Kouchi added as conferee.
SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 771, transmitting H.C.R. No. 23, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF EXISTING DECK AND IMPROVEMENTS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 772, transmitting H.C.R. No. 24, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 593 KULIOUOU ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 773, transmitting H.C.R. No. 25, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 619 KULIOUOU ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 774, transmitting H.C.R. No. 26, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 644 HOKIOKIO PLACE, HONOLULU, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 775, transmitting H.C.R. No. 27, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 2314 10TH AVENUE, HONOLULU, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 776, transmitting H.C.R. No. 28, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-557 KAMANAAINA PLACE, WAIMANALO, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 777, transmitting H.C.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 2949 ALA ILIMA STREET, NO. 303, HONOLULU, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 778, transmitting H.C.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-031 KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 242, MILILANI, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 779, transmitting H.C.R. No. 31, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-017 KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 321, MILILANI, HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 780, transmitting H.C.R. No. 142, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION

OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HONOKAWAI, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR SEAWALL PURPOSES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 781, transmitting H.C.R. No. 162, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A FIFTY-FIVE YEAR TERM FOR A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT TO KOOLAU PROPERTIES, LLC, FOR SEAWALL PURPOSES AT SPRECKLESVILLE BEACH LOTS, WAILUKU, MAUI, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 782, transmitting H.C.R. No. 143, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAHINAHINA, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR RUBBLE ROCK REVETMENT PURPOSES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 783, transmitting S.C.R. No. 176, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RETURN SENATE BILL NO. 650, H.D. 1, TO THE SENATE TO RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN," which was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 784, dated April 20, 2012, informing the House that the Senate has made the following changes to Senate Conferee assignments for the following bills:

S.B. No. 2927, Senator Ihara discharged as conferee and Senator SD 2, HD 1 Kouchi added as conferee.

S.B. No. 2967, Senator Kim added as Co-Chair and Senator Kouchi SD 2, HD 1 added as conferee.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, S.C.R. No. 176, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO RETURN SENATE BILL NO. 650, H.D. 1, TO THE SENATE TO RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communication (Dept. Com. No. 80) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 80, dated April 19, 2012, from Hermina Morita, Chair, Public Utilities Commission, transmitting a report pursuant to HRS 269-16(d), on Docket No. 2009-0164, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. – Application for Approval of a General Rate Increase and Other Related Matters.

At 12:09 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 12:10 o'clock p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Pine and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Chong moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bill, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, (SD 2)

H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Chong moved that H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, SD 2, pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

Representative Coffman's written remarks are as follows:

"The intent of HB2656 is to provide a date certain that three in-state crematoriums, that have been exempt from air permits since they were in operation before March 20, 1972, begin the process of obtaining air permits. Several Representatives expressed concern that the crematoriums had to be in compliance with all regulatory requirements by the application deadline. This issue created unfounded concerns that the crematoriums could or would be shut down on the application deadline of December 31, 2013.

"Based upon an email response from Nolan Hirai, Acting Program Manager Clean Air Branch, the required deadline of December 31, 2013 specified in HB2656, SD2, is the date when a permit application is required to be submitted to the Department of Health. There are no changes in compliance standards to be dealt with by the affected crematoriums before submitting a permit application. Although the additional requirements will only be determined after completing the permit review process, they may consist of primarily monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting provisions. There are no anticipated major physical changes to the facilities, assuming they are currently abiding by the standards that apply to them. The Department will work closely with the facility to make sure they can comply with their requirements without placing undue hardship on the facility. Upon issuance of an air permit, additional requirements in the form of permit conditions will become applicable to the facility.

"In telephone conversations, the Department of Health Clean Air Branch has stated that there would only be an operational problem with any crematorium if the facility were not actively working to resolve any non-compliance issues. Based upon these comments, any action to replace an existing crematorium with a new facility in order to become compliant with the requirements of an air permit would indicate action and allow operations of the older facility to continue until replaced by the new facility within a reasonable (several years) time frame."

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

Representative Takai rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know there's been some discussion over the past couple of days and I appreciate the extra day that we had, from Friday to today. I made a request to you, Mr. Speaker, and Leadership, to give us one more day, I think there's some misunderstanding regarding what this bill and what it will do as it relates to the cemetery, the Oahu Cemetery Association, OCA, in Nuanu.

"The fact is, Mr. Speaker, this bill, according to their attorney, if implemented, will put them out of business. The December 31, 2013 date, in the bill on page 1, section 2, requires them to submit a permit. And as we all know, this crematory has been in existence for more than 100 years. This permit will be on the current facility, Mr. Speaker, and we all know, everybody knows, without a doubt, that they are not in compliance. I think reasonable minds will look at this and recommend, if given some

additional time, that we should take a look at a dropping of the grandfather provision, put in force through federal and State laws for crematoriums constructed prior to March 20th, 1972. I think that's the better solution to this situation.

"We recognize the concern of the community, but I do believe, and support OCA's commitment to addressing the concerns. They want to build. They want to rebuild the crematoriums to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act. They also want to comply with the concerns or address the concerns of the community. But this bill, Mr. Speaker, in its current form will not do that. It will not give them the opportunity. It will shut them down. And that will be a public health crisis for this State, because as you know, Mr. Speaker, this is the only crematorium in the State that can cremate remains of people, 300 pounds and over.

"So again, I publicly request an extra day, so that we can address this. But if not, I urge the Governor to veto this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Ching rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually I know that my Community is divided on that. I was going to explain that in written comments. But at this time, I'd like to change my vote to a no vote, with written comments. And I ask that the words of Representative from Pearl City be entered as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ching's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly, H.B. 2656 was composed with the best intentions to monitor environmental hazards, and as a longtime environmental advocate and member of relevant House Committees, I do not readily dismiss such concerns. Let me then explain my reasons for voting against this bill. This bill requires all crematoriums operating without air pollution control permits and that were constructed prior to March 20, 1972, to submit permit applications to the Department of Health by December 31, 2013.

"My concerns surround the ability of Oahu Cemetery Association, a nonprofit organization, to maintain the irreplaceable services offered by Oahu Cemetery: one of Hawaii's gems on the National Registry of Historic Places. Three crematory units operating within Oahu Cemetery are over one hundred years old, and the State's only crematory facilities able to accommodate deceased persons exceeding three hundred pounds in weight. About one-third of the two hundred cremations performed at Oahu Cemetery each month are for such large bodies that would not have qualified for cremation elsewhere.

"Advocates for H.B. 2656 claim that it merely calls for permit applications to be submitted by 2013, and does not demand that final air quality standards be already met. Nonetheless, such applications will very likely include checklists for basic requirements, and if Oahu Cemetery cannot check off all necessary items they may not be permitted to operate for a significant number of years. If shut down, three of Oahu's seven crematoriums – almost half of the island's total crematory capacity – will be lost. To quote my colleague, Representative Mark Takai, "we cannot afford to let these guys go out of business. It will be a public health crisis."

"Oahu Cemetery Association is now actively pursuing construction and installation of new crematory units, which will allow it to meet clean air standards. Efforts are expected to be complete no later than 2018, but that leaves many years in jeopardy of H.B. 2656 and its red tape. As Clifford Hosoi, President of a local mortuary for the last 35 years and son of his predecessor, explains, "If Oahu Cemetery is shut down for any length of time it is uncertain whether the other crematory operators can efficiently absorb the increased cremations." Oahu Cemetery, he catalogues, holds many invaluable attributes: its crematorium is centrally located within the cemetery grounds, and its accessibility controls transportation costs; it offers special services upon request, such as peace of mind and witness cremations; it maintains a beautiful, well-funded cemetery for plot holders and families with members interred there; it keeps services affordable; it

accommodates turnaround times to bereavement schedules; it remains dependable when other vendors need to repair their crematoriums.

"Cremation is commonly deemed ecologically superior to body burial. I agree with the advocates of H.B. 2656 that proper repairs to antiquated crematory facilities will ultimately benefit all. However, without enough time, immediate and chronic public health hazards far worse than any we experience now will afflict us without the necessary services offered by Oahu Cemetery. Thank you."

Representative Giugni rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Takai be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Har rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Takai be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Awana rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Takai be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Takai rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to insert into the record, an email that we received today at 12:06 from Nanette Napoleon, the Trustee, and Hal Lewis Jr., Superintendent of the Oahu Cemetery Association, into the record."

Representative Takai submitted the following email:

"From: Middendorf, Bernadette [bjm@torkildson.com]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 12:06 PM
To: All Reps
Cc: Hetherington, J. George
Subject: HB 2656 HD2 SD2Dear Representative,

This e-mail requests an amendment to HB 2656 HD2 SD2, extending the deadline by which all crematoriums constructed prior to March 20, 1972 must submit permit applications to the Department of Health ("DOH") until December 31, 2018.

Oahu Cemetery Association ("OCA") is a Hawaii non-profit corporation that owns and operates Oahu Cemetery. OCA operates three crematory units all of which are more than 100 years old. OCA is actively pursuing construction and installation of new crematory units, which will make OCA's compliance with clean air standards technically feasible. OCA expects to complete this effort by no later than the end of 2018. OCA opposes HB 2656 HD2 SD2 **only because the December 31, 2013 deadline does not provide enough time for OCA to replace our existing crematoriums and comply with permit requirements.**

Proponents of HB 2656 HD2 SD2 contend that this bill will have no real effect on the operation of OCA's crematoriums because it requires only that OCA submit an application for an air pollution control permit no later than December 31, 2013. However, the permit process, as described in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 342B and Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11.60.1, is ambiguous as to whether OCA's three 100-year old crematoriums could meet the necessary standards and approvals to obtain a permit. Although OCA has initiated communications with the DOH, we have not yet received any guidance about the permitting process. If the permits are submitted prior to December 31, 2013, we anticipate that OCA's crematoriums will be unable to comply with the existing air quality standards. Accordingly, the permits will be denied, and three of Oahu's seven crematoriums – almost one-half of the island's total crematory capacity – will be closed sometime in 2014.

HB 2656 HD2 SD2 needs to be amended to provide OCA time to complete the replacement process. The practical consequence of the passage of HB 2656 HD2 SD2 in its current form will likely be that OCA's three crematoriums will close in 2014 and its services to John A. Burns School of Medicine and the four mortuaries that lack crematory

facilities of their own will cease. At current levels of cremation, Oahu's four remaining crematories are unlikely to have the capacity to satisfy the Oahu residents' demand for cremation services. OCA now performs about 200 cremations each month. About 30% of those cremations are for large bodies weighing more than 300 pounds, which cannot be accommodated by Oahu's remaining crematories. Upon the closure of OCA's crematories there will be no facility on Oahu that will provide cremation services for such large bodies. Such an outcome would have an obvious, devastating impact on countless Oahu families and could result in a public backlash against this bill.

OCA understands the concerns of the community and is committed to operating a clean and efficient crematory. As we proceed with our plans to replace and upgrade the crematory units, we have implemented new operating and training procedures to reduce emissions as much as possible. OCA has cooperated, and will continue to cooperate, with the Clean Air Branch in its effort to maintain optimal air quality. As requested, we have submitted monthly cremation logs and reported each cremation of a large body to the Clean Air Branch. When the Clean Air Branch conducts inspections and takes opacity readings at our facilities, we make sure we have an active cremation in progress for them to observe and inspect. To date, we have not had been cited for any violation or assessed any penalty for noncompliance with regulations administered by the Clean Air Branch.

OCA understands and agrees with the purpose of this measure. It requests an amendment extending the deadline for submission of a permit application to December 31, 2018 to allow us adequate time to replace our crematory units prior to implementation of the requirement for a permit application, thereby ensuring that sufficient crematory facilities are available to meet the needs of all Oahu residents while the new units are being constructed. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Nanette Napoleon, Trustee
Hal Lewis, Jr., Superintendent

Oahu Cemetery Association
2162 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
(808) 538-1538"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Awana, Ching, Giugni, Har, Morikawa and Takai voting no, and with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

At 12:16 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, SD 2

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representatives Awana and Coffman, for the Committee on International Affairs and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1793-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 73, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 73, HD 1, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

"Mr. Speaker, may I just please note my strong support. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 73, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO GRANT TAIWAN PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative McKelvey, for the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1794-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 137, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 137, SD 1, HD 1, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

"Mr. Speaker, a brief note in support. Mr. Speaker, aerospace is an up and coming industry. It's moving from the public sector as NASA privatizes. And as we all know, NASA is in love with the Big Island, the Lunar Research Park. And this now, relationship with Alaska. Alaska will make good partners.

"I was honored to be with the Lt. Governor in your office when this was conceived and hopefully, this will lead to something great, like the Stevens-Inouye and other partnerships that we can have at the legislative level for the future economies of both states. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 137, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE A PARTNERSHIP IN AEROSPACE WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY BOTH STATES' ECONOMIES AND THE UNITED STATES SPACE PROGRAM," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representatives Hanohano and Wooley, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Culture & the Arts presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1795-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 109, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 109, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE HAWAIIAN MONARCHY AND EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, BY REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF KAUAI, AND COUNTY OF HAWAII TO NAME A STATE OR COUNTY PROPERTY IN HIS NAME, AND REQUESTING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO COMMISSION, PURCHASE, OR PARTNER WITH ANOTHER ENTITY TO CREATE OR OBTAIN A WORK OF ART, WHETHER VISUAL OR LITERARY, IN HIS NAME," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1796-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 63, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 63, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FISCAL AUDIT OF THE KAHŌ'OLAWĒ REHABILITATION TRUST FUND," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1797-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 87, SD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 87, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE STATE'S FUNDING FOR EXISTING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AND ACTIVITIES AND HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN HAWAII AND ANY DISPARITIES IN FUNDING FOR THE STATE'S TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1798-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 40, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 40, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RENAMING OF AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PROMPT PAYMENT TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT AFFECT PROCUREMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED THROUGH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING HUMAN SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER PIVOTAL GOODS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Oshiro, for the Committee on Finance presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1799-12) recommending that S.C.R. No. 49, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 49, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO EXPEDITIOUSLY RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF ROADS IN LIMBO STATEWIDE," was adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1800-12), recommending that S.C.R. No. 155, SD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Chong moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 155, SD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

"Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'm rising in support, but with reservations, and I'd like to explain why. My concern is that the Resolution is requesting, or urging the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to require each, and I want to stress each, stewardship program conducting activities on Kahoolawe to obtain liability and property damage insurance.

"The difficulty will be, that this will prevent a lot of the smaller groups from being able to go out. Individual insurance policies, particularly, when they're going to cover the youth that travel to the island can be very expensive. I think there's a better way to do this, to make sure that there is insurance coverage, but not requiring each of the different stewardship programs to get their own policy. That's going to prevent a lot of young people from being able to reach the island and learn about their heritage and the cultural significance of Kahoolawe. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, also with reservations, and a couple of comments. Mr. Speaker, I too concur that we should keep as many visitors, encourage to visit and to participate in the rebuilding and the enjoyment of Kahoolawe. I know when we had the opportunity to go to the Island of Niihau, we didn't have to have insurance. So to have insurance, it looks like it's getting too formal, too restrictive. And Mr. Speaker, I'm sure when Pat Saiki had elder Bush, President Bush, stop the bombing of this, the intent was not to put up a gate of taxation, insurance, or other things, but to have the great and full enjoyment of that Island by as many people as possible. Thank you."

Representative Ching rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of Representative Thielen 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 S.C.R. No. 155, SD 2, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE EACH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES ON THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE TO OBTAIN LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE AND LIST THE STATE AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

At this time, the Chair announced:

"Members, please note the 10-day notice for H.B. No. 2594, HD2, SD1, CD1, as required by the Hawaii State Constitution for any constitutional amendments.

"Notice of the final form of the amendment was given to the Governor on April 20th, 2012. The House and Senate will address this measure for Final Reading on May 1st.

"Also Members, please note, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-12 for the 48 hour notice, which is the statutory language."

Representatives Chang, Keith-Agaran and Har, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-12) recommending that H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article XVII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, consideration of Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26-12 and H.B. No. 2594, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ASSIST DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS," was deferred to May 1, 2012.

Representatives Chang and Har, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2595, HD 2, SD 2, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-12) recommending that H.B. No. 2595, HD 2, SD 2, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27-12 and H.B. No. 2595, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

FINAL READING

Representative Chong moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Evans

and carried: (Representatives Marumoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2266, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2273, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, (SD 1)

The Chair addressed the Clerk who announced that the record of votes for H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1, had been received which indicated that the requisite number of House Conferees appointed had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate, and had cast affirmative votes to report said measure to the Floor for final disposition.

H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Chong moved that H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, SD 2, pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Thielen rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Thielen's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of HB 1524 HD2 SD2 which would not only establish clear criminal penalties for agricultural theft, but provide restitution to victims of this crime. Based on requests from a number of constituents on the Windward side of Oahu, I introduced the first plant theft bill, HB 12, last year. Although HB 12 was deferred in Committee, it was combined with HB 1524 HD1, as an HD2, which requires "those convicted of theft in the First, Second, Third or Fourth degree of an agricultural product or commodity to pay restitution to the victim, in an amount equal to the value of what was stolen and the cost of replanting". Unfortunately last Session, HB 1524 was passed by the House and stalled in the Senate.

"During the interim, I met with a Windward Resident Task Force who worked hard to educate key legislators on the devastating impact agricultural theft has had on our farming communities. Millions of dollars, not to mention man-hours, have been lost due to agricultural theft. We were pleased to have concerned legislators visit Waimanalo farmers and speak directly with them about how theft has affected their businesses. The decision to keep HB 1524 HD2 moving this Session through the legislative process was applauded by many, including these small businesses that survive on very tight profit margins.

"Beginning as HB 12, and ending as HB 1524 HD2 SD2, plant theft legislation has travelled a challenging road. Passage of this bill will mean so much for so many. Stronger laws that protect our constituents from vandalism and theft will send out a strong message that violence and crime will not be tolerated in our islands. This bill is needed and necessary. Thank you for voting yes on HB 1524 HD2 SD2."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL THEFT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1:

In accordance with the Conference Committee Procedures agreed upon by the House of Representatives and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House recommended that the House agree to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 5 (Herkes, Choy, Hashem, Tsuji and Marumoto). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Representative Chong moved that H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1, pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Thielen rose in support of the measure and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Thielen's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of HB 2242, HD1 SD1 which would establish 20-hour continuing education requirements for veterinarians seeking to renew their Hawaii licenses. Almost every state has some type of requirement to insure that licensed veterinarians keep current with the latest in research, prescription medications, medical procedures and animal health concerns. Hawaii does not.

"Last year, after meeting and talking with several veterinarians, as well as the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, I introduced HB 13 which established requirements for 45 hours of continuing education credits for veterinarians. The average number of hours most states require is 40. Although HB 13 did not make it through the legislative process, I was pleased to see that the substance of this bill was incorporated into HB 2242 this Session. Most professional licensees have continuing education requirements, which is especially important in the medical fields where treatment options can change on an almost daily basis. I know Hawaii's veterinarians join me in thanking you for voting yes on HB 2242, HD1 SD1."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VETERINARIANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, SD 1:

Representative Chong moved that H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, SD 1, pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Thielen rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising to speak against the bill, and I will be voting no on this measure. Mr. Speaker, it's a difficult no vote, but I am thinking about the companies that are struggling so hard to still stay in business. A year or so ago, we reduced the UI rates, and then at the same time the benefits had been increased to about 70%, I believe is the present number at this point. Now for certain sectors that are having the most difficulty, we're going to be increasing the UI rates again.

"My feeling is that, what we should do at this point in time with our economy still really in a recession, is just hold the line. Not do anything. Instead this bill singles out the sectors that are having the most difficulty and it increases their cost. I don't see how that is going to keep those sectors in business, and I don't see how it will keep employees employed.

"So this very measure could be the death nail for some of the employees in these sectors. I don't want to do that. Thank you."

Representative Johanson rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Johanson's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support with reservations on HB 2264 regarding the unemployment insurance contribution schedule and employment security. I am supporting this measure because I do believe it is important to take steps to make sure the Unemployment Insurance Fund is solvent. This Fund is an important one and we need to ensure its stability so that those individuals who face unemployment still have some cushion to weather difficult economic times.

"My concerns, however, revolve around potentially exacerbating the burden placed on struggling businesses. Under this measure, those businesses who may have to lay off people to remain afloat would be asked to pay more. Although understandable, this proposed change may continue to add to their financial burdens and ultimately drive some struggling small businesses out of business. In this case, more workers will lose their jobs. It is for these reasons, I am supporting this measure with reservations."

Representative Ching rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Thielen be entered into the Journal as her 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, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Yamashita's written remarks are as follows:

"I rise to stand in support of House Bill 2264, HD2, SD1. The purpose of this bill is to increase employer contribution rates to the State Unemployment Compensation Fund, which has become precariously low due to the State's slow economic recovery.

"I want to point out, Mr. Speaker, that the bill also does something very important by raising the percentage cap for the employers who fall into the range of the highest number of claims. Over the past four years, our unemployment claims have risen dramatically due to the economic downturn, yet those employers who have experienced more claims against their account do not have to pay more once they reach the cap.

"The intent of the law is to create a schedule in which the payment of contributions closely reflects the actual experience of employers regarding the benefits charged to their account. Consequently, the formula should be adjusted from time to time to determine the proper contribution rates, based on this actual experience.

"This is what HB 2264 accomplishes. According to information received from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, capping the contribution rate at 5.4% does not accurately reflect the experience of employers at the high end of the schedule. The high end employers are paying less than they should, based on the amount of claims against their account, and the middle range employers are ultimately contributing a greater percentage to the Unemployment Fund. By raising the standard contribution rate and cap at the higher end of the schedule, with the maximum at 6.6%, the contributions are more fairly calculated.

"HB 2264 is in line with the original intent of the law, and proposes a formula that is fair and based on actual experience."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Ching and Thielen voting no, and with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2266, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.B. No. 2266, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2273, SD 1:

Representative Chong moved that H.B. No. 2273, SD 1, pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

"Mr. Speaker, on HB 2273, SD1, I'm in strong support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2273, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONCUSSIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL WELFARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Har voting no, and with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

At 12:27 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, SD 2
 H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2266, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2273, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2491, HD 1, SD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred one legislative day.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Chong moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

H.B. No. 1695, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1764, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2295, HD 1, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, (SD 1)

DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK

Representative Chong moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Concurrent Resolutions, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

H.C.R. No. 12 (SD 1)
 H.C.R. No. 143, (SD 1)
 H.C.R. No. 150, (SD 1)

H.C.R. No. 12, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.C.R. No. 12, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FOURTH WEEK OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS "REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK." TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC AWARENESS, CONVERSATION, AND SUPPORT FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AWARENESS," was Adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.C.R. No. 143, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.C.R. No. 143, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT, COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAHINAHINA, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR RUBBLE ROCK REVETMENT PURPOSES," was Adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

H.C.R. No. 150, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, H.C.R. No. 150, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII," was Adopted, with Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.B.
No.

Re-referred to:

101, Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on
 HD2, Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
 SD2

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:32 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Pine and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 24, 2012. (Representatives Marumoto, Nishimoto, Oshiro and Tokioka were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

"April 20, 2012

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
 Governor of the State of Hawaii
 Executive Chambers
 State Capitol
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawaii State Constitution, written notice is hereby given of the final form

of a proposed constitutional amendment, as agreed upon by the appointed conference managers on the part of the House and the Senate on this date, to be included in the final conference draft of the following bill:

H.B. No. 2594, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 entitled:

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ASSIST DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS."

A copy of the proposed constitutional amendment in its final form is attached hereto.

Respectfully,
 /s/ CJ Leong
 CJ Leong
 Chief Clerk

Enclosures

cc: Carol Taniguchi, Senate Chief Clerk
 Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer"

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as Conferees on the part of the House for consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 2495, Rhoads/Oshiro, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 1 Ward

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as Conferees on the part of the House for consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 2290, Mizuno/Jordan, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 2 Pine

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as Conferees on the part of the House for consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2323, Rhoads/Oshiro, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Ward

S.B. No. 2324, Rhoads/Oshiro, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Ward

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has made the following changes to the conferees on the following measure:

H.B. No. 46, Discharged all conferees.
 HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on March 28, 2012, and gives notice of intent to agree to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, SD 1

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and

Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 3, 2012, and gives notice of intent to agree to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1695, SD 1

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 12, 2012, and gives notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1764, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2295, HD 1, SD 2

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1524, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 2242, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2264, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 2266, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2273, SD 1
H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2656, HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated April 23, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and has this day adopted the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

H.C.R. No. 12 SD 1
H.C.R. No. 143, SD 1
H.C.R. No. 150, SD 1