

SIXTEENTH DAY

Monday, February 10, 2014

The Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2014, convened at 11:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Fifteenth Day.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 192 to 218) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 192, dated January 8, 2014, transmitting the Adult Protective Services Restructuring Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to H.C.R. No. 118, H.D.1 (2013).

Gov. Msg. No. 193, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to S.C.R. 137, S.D. 1 (2013).

Gov. Msg. No. 194, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the report, "Recommendations to Leverage County, State, Federal, and Private Funding for an Educational Resource Center at the Honouliuli Site and Status on Designating Honouliuli Internment-Prisoner of War Camp Site Within Hawaii as Part of the United States National Parks Service," prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to Act 235, SLH 2012.

Gov. Msg. No. 195, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the report, "Status of the Program for Environmentally-Themed Products to Support the Environment," prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 195D-5.5, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 196, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the report, "Relating to the Natural Area Reserves System, Natural Area Partnership Program, and the Financial Condition of the Natural Area Reserve Fund," prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, pursuant to Section 195-6.6, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 197, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the report, "Identification of Rivers and Streams Worthy of Protection," prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management, pursuant to Section 174C-31, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 198, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the Working Group Report, prepared by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts pursuant to S.C.R. No. 57, S.D. 2 (2012).

Gov. Msg. No. 199, dated January 10, 2014, transmitting the Gulf War Memorial Task Force Report, prepared by the Department of Defense, Office of Veterans Services, pursuant to Act 139, SLH 2013.

Gov. Msg. No. 200, dated January 15, 2014, transmitting the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Act 134, SLH 2013, and Section 346-51.5, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 201, dated January 15, 2014, transmitting the Medicaid Reduction Plan Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Act 134, SLH 2013.

Gov. Msg. No. 202, dated January 16, 2014, transmitting the Report on Land Dispositions Made of Public Lands for the Calendar Year 2013, prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to Section 171-29, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 203, dated January 29, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services and the Annual Report of the Office of Youth Services pursuant to Sections 346-5 and 352D-6, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 204, dated January 30, 2014, transmitting the Report of the Homeless Assistance Working Group, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Act 222, SLH 2013.

Gov. Msg. No. 205, dated January 30, 2014, transmitting the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Act 134, SLH 2013.

Gov. Msg. No. 206, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the Relating to Prescription Drugs Report, prepared by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund pursuant to Act 226, SLH 2013.

Gov. Msg. No. 207, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Annual Report of the High Technology Development Corporation pursuant to Section 206M-3.5, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 208, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the Rental Housing Trust Fund Project Awards Report, prepared by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation pursuant to Section 201H-202(f), HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 209, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the FY 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Office of Planning, prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism pursuant to Section 205A-3(10), HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 210, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Annual Report of the Hawaii Community Development Authority pursuant to Section 206E-19, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 211, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness Report, prepared by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Section 346-381(9), HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 212, dated January 31, 2014, transmitting the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 pursuant to Section 269-5, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 213, dated February 3, 2014, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Audit of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation pursuant to Section 323F-22, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 214, dated February 5, 2014, transmitting the Report on Direct Holdings in Sudan Scrutinized Companies, prepared by the Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Act 192, SLH 2007.

Gov. Msg. No. 215, dated February 5, 2014, transmitting the Report on its Hawaii Venture Capital Investment Program, prepared by the Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Act 260, SLH 2007.

Gov. Msg. No. 216, dated February 5, 2014, transmitting the Electronic Funds Transfer Report, prepared by the Department of Taxation pursuant to Section 231-9.9, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 217, dated February 5, 2014, transmitting the Cash Economy Enforcement Act Report, prepared by the Department of Taxation pursuant to Act 134, SLH 2009.

Gov. Msg. No. 218, dated February 5, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Annual Report of the Environmental Council pursuant to Section 341-6, HRS.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 36 and 37) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 36 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL, STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN HAWAII."

Offered by: Senators Baker, Green, English, Galuteria, Solomon, Tokuda.

S.C.R. No. 37 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO REQUIRE THAT FOR CONCERTS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS HELD AT THEIR RESPECTIVE VENUES, ONLY IN-PERSON TICKET SALES BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE FIRST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS THAT TICKET SALES BECOME OPEN TO THE PUBLIC."

Offered by: Senators Kim, Kidani, Dela Cruz, English, Espero, Gabbard, Galuteria, Hee, Ige, Ihara, Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Kouchi, Nishihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Slom, Solomon, Thielen, Wakai.

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 12) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

S.R. No. 12 "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO REQUIRE THAT FOR CONCERTS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS HELD AT THEIR RESPECTIVE VENUES, ONLY IN-PERSON TICKET SALES BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE FIRST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS THAT TICKET SALES BECOME OPEN TO THE PUBLIC."

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Nishihara and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2126) recommending that S.B. No. 2296, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2296, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF LANDS MANAGED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Chun Oakland, Green, and Baker, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2127) recommending that S.B. No. 2228, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2228, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators English and Espero, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2128) recommending that S.B. No. 2582 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2582, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senators English and Espero, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2129) recommending that S.B. No. 2608, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2608, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senators English and Espero, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2130) recommending that S.B. No. 2730 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2730, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2131) recommending that S.B. No. 2822, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2822, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2132) recommending that S.B. No. 2494, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Baker, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2133) recommending that S.B. No. 2857, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2857, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Baker, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2134) recommending that S.B. No. 2934, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2934, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2135) recommending that S.B. No. 2198 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2198, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUELS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2136) recommending that S.B. No. 2801 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2801, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF GAS TANKLESS WATER HEATERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Dela Cruz and Nishihara, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2137) recommending that S.B. No. 2397, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2397, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,"

passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2138) recommending that S.B. No. 2188, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2188, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADOPTION RECORDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2139) recommending that S.B. No. 2507, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2507, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Senator Chun Oakland, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2140) recommending that S.B. No. 149, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Human Services.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 149, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," was recommitted to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Solomon, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2141) recommending that S.B. No. 180, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Water and Land.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 180, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN MANAGEMENT," was recommitted to the Committee on Water and Land.

Senator Solomon, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2142) recommending that S.B. No. 3003, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Water and Land.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND," was recommitted to the Committee on Water and Land.

Senators English and Espero, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2143) recommending that S.B. No. 2138, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2138, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

ORDER OF THE DAY**AGREE/DISAGREE****MATTER DEFERRED FROM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

S.B. No. 1015, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Hee moved that the Senate disagree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1015, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro.

Senator Hee noted:

“The date is defective.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1015, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2300, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Baker and carried, S.B. No. 2300, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried, S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 2484:

Senator Baker moved that S.B. No. 2484, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Taniguchi.

Senator Slom rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“This is a bad bill. This bill actually lets the association off the hook for not attending to its duties and not taking care of its fiduciary responsibilities and, in fact, punishes a good-faith purchaser by transferring the lien and the debt to that purchaser. I think that a bill like this will likely stifle sales in Hawai‘i, and particularly short-term sales, but I think the overall premise is flawed and that we should not be passing legislation that’s going to be benefiting someone who is not doing their duty. Thank you.”

Senator Baker rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“These provisions are already available to associations that represent condominiums (AOAOs). This merely corrects an oversight and provides those same protections and opportunities to members of planned community associations. Thank you.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 2484, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Slom).

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The President made the following committee assignments of House bills received on Thursday, February 6, 2014; and Friday, February 7, 2014:

H.B. No.:	Referred to:
H.B. No. 1181, H.D. 2	Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1420, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1845	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1846	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment, the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, and the Committee on Technology and the Arts
H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2281	Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2539	Committee on Technology and the Arts

**REFERRAL OF A
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The President made the following committee assignments of a Senate concurrent resolution offered on Wednesday, February 5, 2014:

S.C.R. No.:	Referred to:
S.C.R. No. 34	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 149, S.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At 11:43 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

“Going back to referrals and re-referrals, members: On S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1, ‘Relating to Land,’ the re-referral is now PSM/WTL/WAM. Housekeeping measure.”

RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bill that was introduced:

S.B. No.: Re-referred to:
 S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1 Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Ways and Means

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Senator Green, Chair of the Committee on Health, rose to request a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.B. No. 2569.

Senator Green noted:

“This is the bill that we re-posted an amendment, an S.D. 1, which we posted by, I think, Friday at about 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon. We had it already on a hearing for 1:15 p.m. This is the progressive amendment to be more inclusive on lay midwives, and we just wanted to make sure everyone would be heard on the subject in their language.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Green announced that the Committee on Health, the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor would hold a public hearing on S.B. No. 2569 at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon in Conference Room 229.

Senator Dela Cruz rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I just wanted to explain the short-form bill, Senate Bill 111. In caucus, it was brought up, and before we get additional schooling from the Education chair, I just thought that I’d explain the process of what we’re trying to do.

“It was brought up in committee about cacao and regulating cacao. Instead of the Legislature having to regulate ‘Made in Hawai‘i’ products for every single product – tea, hopefully we’ll go into citrus, we do that with coffee now – that’s really a responsibility of the Board of Agriculture. The big-picture issues the Legislature can take up, but in regards to ‘Made in Hawai‘i’ labeling, the percentages of coffee and the percentages of tea is really something that should be done at the administrative level, and that’s what the bill is about. It may not be in its perfect form as we adopt S.B. 111 in a short-form bill, but the committee will take care of that in upcoming committee meetings. Thank you.”

Senator Tokuda rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“While I rarely do this, I would like to just clarify for the record that what I did state in caucus – and what we state in caucus is rarely brought up on the public floor – that I recommended that we ask our communications director to clarify what, in fact, that short-form bill was, in fact, doing so that the members of the public would clearly note what the intention of the bill was since there clearly is some misinformation coming through in the emails we are receiving. Our communications office is there to provide information in a clear and succinct way, and that was all that I was asking for us to be doing, so that it was available to the members of the public what the intentions of the Agriculture Committee were. Thank you.”

Senator Dela Cruz rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“So, just to get some extra credit and to get ahead of it, I thought I’d do a point of personal privilege and explain it right now instead of just waiting for our communications staff. Thank you.”