

## FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

The Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2014, convened at 11:35 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 Forty-Third Day.

At this time, Senator Taniguchi introduced a group of visitors from the University Laboratory School.

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 246 to 249) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 246, dated March 14, 2014, transmitting the Report on Rental Motor Vehicle Customer Facility Charge, prepared by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Act 226, SLH 2008.

Gov. Msg. No. 247, dated March 20, 2014, transmitting the 2012-2013 Annual Report of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts pursuant to Section 9-3(9), HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 248, dated March 21, 2014, transmitting the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board's 2014 Periodic Review – Evaluation Report, prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism pursuant to Section 201M-7, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 249, dated March 24, 2014, transmitting the 2011-2013 Environmental Health Management Report, prepared by the Department of Health pursuant to Act 290, SLH 1996.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Dept. Com. No. 82) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 82, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 27, 2014, transmitting its 2013 Annual Report pursuant to Section 23-9, HRS.

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 408 to 417) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 408, informing the Senate that on April 1, 2014, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following bills:

H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1);  
H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);  
H.B. No. 1618, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);  
H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2); and  
H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1),

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 409, transmitting H.C.R. No. 45, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 45, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER PERSISTENT AND CREDIBLE REPORTS OF SYSTEMATIC, STATE-SANCTIONED

ORGAN HARVESTING FROM NON-CONSENTING PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE, IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INCLUDING FROM LARGE NUMBERS OF FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS IMPRISONED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 410, transmitting H.C.R. No. 46, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 46, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO REINFORCE INSTRUCTION REGARDING AMERICAN CIVICS," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 411, transmitting H.C.R. No. 104, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 104, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 412, transmitting H.C.R. No. 155, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 155, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE PERPETUATION AND USE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS AND RESOURCES," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 413, transmitting H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY MEETING TO EXPLAIN THEIR CURRENT AND ONGOING PLANS FOR THE PARCELS OF LAND ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 414, transmitting H.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTIES OF HAWAII, KAUAI, AND MAUI, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONTINUE TAKING AFFIRMATIVE STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES IDENTIFIED IN MODEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO INCREASE THE ACCURACY OF EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND INTERROGATION OF SUSPECTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 415, returning S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1), entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVISIONAL LICENSES," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 416, returning S.B. No. 2229, S.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 417, returning S.B. No. 2420, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 1, 2014, was placed on file.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3172) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of T. KEIKIALOHA KEKIPI to the Island Burial Council, Island of Hawaii, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 593.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3172 and Gov. Msg. No. 593 was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3173) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WILLIAM RICHARDSON to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 617.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3173 and Gov. Msg. No. 617 was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Shimabukuro, English, and Wakai, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3174) recommending that S.C.R. No. 71 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3174 and S.C.R. No. 71, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE AND STATE ENTITIES TO SUPPORT THE HOKULE'A AND HER CREW AS THEY JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Shimabukuro and Wakai, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3175) recommending that S.C.R. No. 47, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3175 and S.C.R. No. 47, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHU DAY, OR RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Shimabukuro and Wakai, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3176) recommending that S.R. No. 21, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3176 and S.R. No. 21, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS HO'OKU'IKAHU DAY, OR RECONCILIATION DAY, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE JUSTICE,

RECONCILIATION, AND NONVIOLENCE OF QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Shimabukuro, English, and Wakai, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3177) recommending that S.C.R. No. 70 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3177 and S.C.R. No. 70, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM 2014 AS THE YEAR OF THE WORLDWIDE VOYAGE," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Shimabukuro, English, and Wakai, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Technology and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3178) recommending that S.R. No. 35 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3178 and S.R. No. 35, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM 2014 AS THE YEAR OF THE WORLDWIDE VOYAGE," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Espero and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3179) recommending that S.C.R. No. 83 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3179 and S.C.R. No. 83, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS' COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES IN THE AREAS OF BASALTIC CONCRETE AND ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING AND REQUESTING COLLABORATION TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPLICATIONS OF BASALTIC CONCRETE AND ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Espero and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3180) recommending that S.R. No. 40 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3180 and S.R. No. 40, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS' COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES IN THE AREAS OF BASALTIC CONCRETE AND ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING AND REQUESTING COLLABORATION TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPLICATIONS OF BASALTIC CONCRETE AND ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Senators Espero and Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3181) recommending that S.R. No. 56, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3181 and S.R. No. 56, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION OF WHITMORE VILLAGE IN CENTRAL OAHU IN THE EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE NO. 2 (MILILANI TECH PARK AND PARTS OF WAHIAWA)," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### AGREE/DISAGREE

#### MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

S.B. No. 2033 (H.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 2033 (H.D. 1), entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

S.B. No. 2072 (H.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 2072 (H.D. 1), entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE OF PROCESS," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

S.B. No. 2466, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 2466, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1), entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS," was deferred until Thursday, April 3, 2014.

#### ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 552 and 553):

Senator Chun Oakland moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Green and carried.

Senator Chun Oakland then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Rehabilitation Council of the following:

ARTHUR CABANILLA, term to expire June 30, 2017 (Gov. Msg. No. 552); and

VIVIAN LANDRUM, term to expire June 30, 2017 (Gov. Msg. No. 553),

seconded by Senator Green.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 602, 603, and 604):

Senator Chun Oakland moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Green and carried.

Senator Chun Oakland then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority of the following:

MYOUNG OH, term to expire June 30, 2018 (Gov. Msg. No. 602);

SHERI TANAKA, term to expire June 30, 2014 (Gov. Msg. No. 603); and

SHERI TANAKA, term to expire June 30, 2018 (Gov. Msg. No. 604),

seconded by Senator Green.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

#### ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3171 (H.C.R. No. 17, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 17, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW HAWAII'S STATUTORY DEFINITION OF "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES"," was adopted.

#### THIRD READING

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3155 (H.B. No. 2560, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Baker and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3155 was adopted and H.B. No. 2560, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (Dela Cruz, Ihara, Kouchi, Thielen). Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3156 (H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Baker, seconded by Senator Taniguchi and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3156 was adopted and H.B. No. 2099, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3167 (H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 2, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3167 was adopted and H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168 (H.B. No. 716, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168 was adopted and H.B. No. 716, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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

"Thank you. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to speak to the Department of Ag Chairman, Scott Enright, and the purpose for the meeting was the Department of Ag's reluctance, or flat-out refusal, to notify the public that little fire ants have been found in Waimānalo. It was not discovered yesterday, which is baffling to me. After my discussion with the director of the

Department of Ag, he disclosed to me that fire ants have been in Waimānalo for three years.

“What troubles me – and I shared this with him – is that the public interest should be served first, and what I found troubling was that they have not notified the public. I think anybody on the Big Island who has been bitten by fire ants would appreciate what this message is about. After our discussion – and by the way, the chairman of Ag was also in the discussion – it was noted that the little fire ants in Waimānalo evidently are in gulches and in treetops. And unless my memory is incorrect – and I certainly would yield to the wisdom of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture – there may be as many as nine nurseries that are in the immediate vicinity of the little fire ants.

“Now, here’s the deal from my point of view: Nurseries – and I used these exact words with the director because he’s a cattleman – I said, ‘Nurseries are crying like cut calves,’ but can you imagine how consumers would feel if, with the best of intentions, a spouse or a good friend went to purchase a plant and brought it home and put it in the bedroom, only to find out the plant had fire ants in it? And let’s say that person might live in ‘Āhuimanu, where I live, or in Hau’ula, or on the North Shore. Or let’s say a buyer for the Royal Hawaiian Hotel purchased hapu’u from one of these nine nurseries and put it in the foyer of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, or the Sheraton Waikiki, or any place in Waikīkī, or maybe in a hotel near an area where you live.

“I reminded the director of ag that there was a time when the island of Moloka’i was quarantined. The entire island was quarantined because of bovine TB. He remembered, and I remember because I had 40 head of cattle in Ho’olehua. Moloka’i Ranch had 500 head of cow-calf units. And the homesteaders in Ho’olehua and Kalama’ula and Kapa’akea, they had one cow tied to a rope on the side of the highway eating grass, and that was next year’s freezer meat. The people who owned cows on Moloka’i had no say in the matter. I filed a lawsuit. We lost the lawsuit because it was in the public interest to eradicate every living bovine on the island of Moloka’i.

“The Department of Ag needs to explain to the public how it’s in the public interest to keep little fire ants in Waimānalo a secret. They need to explain how it’s in the public interest to not quarantine every one of those nurseries that are in the immediate vicinity of the fire ant infestation, which the Department of Ag asserts is outside of the nursery. Can you believe it? So, if I take my truck and I drive on that driveway outside the nursery and drive in that nursery, who’s to say a little fire ant is not hitching a ride to ‘Āhuimanu? It is shameful that the Department of Ag would not put the public’s interest first on issues like this. Thank you very much.”

Senator Tokuda, Chair of the Committee on Education, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.C.R. No. 113.

Senator Tokuda noted:

“This is an important and urgent issue facing the Kahuku community, and we did post an S.D. 1 yesterday. We need to hear the measure today to meet the concurrent resolution deadlines.”

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Tokuda announced that the Committee on Education, Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, and Committee on Water and Land would be holding a public hearing on S.C.R. No. 113 that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 414.

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

“As you know, I am the senator for the Waimānalo area and I live in that area. And I have to say, unfortunately, the little fire ant is in that area, and it was news to many of us, including many of the nursery operators.

“Now, I’ve been speaking to the Department of Agriculture for about four to five years now about state properties that are under the Department of Agriculture’s management that are fallow and that have been fallow and not leased out for probably going on about 10 years now. And the Department of Agriculture keeps assuring us that they will lease these lands and that there is a waitlist of people that are trying to get onto them, but their process takes years and years and years. And in the meantime, the property remains fallow, and lo and behold, we’ve recently discovered that there is a large colony of little fire ants on this fallow land that is ‘managed’ by the Department of Agriculture.

“And these little fire ants have traveled to the adjacent lands that are being run by nurseries, where the nurseries have baited and trapped and worked to eradicate them. And they did get a clean inspection, only to find a couple months later the little fire ant was back, and how did that happen? And it was only then that it was discovered that, oh, the colony is on the adjacent Department of Ag land, but the Department of Agriculture apparently did not notify the Invasive Species Council.

“So, when the colony was smaller and able to be addressed, the Invasive Species Council and the other partners that this legislative body has funded for years and years in order to assist the Department of Agriculture with the eradication and control of invasive species was not able or invited to come on in to help and is only being brought in now at the demand of the adjacent nurseries. This happened earlier this year, senators, when we were having the Department of Agriculture budget presentation in front of the Ways and Means Committee at the beginning of session. And we discovered when little fire ant was brought onto Maui from the importation of some hapu’u fern from the Big Island, and it was being sold in the big box stores and some resident recognized it and contacted the Invasive Species Council, and the Invasive Species Council then went to the Department of Ag, only to find that the Department of Ag knew about that infestation and also had not reached out to the network that this body has funded to help address this invasive species.

“Now, I’m a member of the Waimānalo Ag Association and I can tell you that the nurseries there are ready, willing, and able to step up, which they did with coqui frog. And when coqui frog went into Waimānalo, they drove around at night, they listened for it, they worked with the Invasive Species Council and the DOA people, and they eradicated it, and you can drive around Waimānalo at night now and you do not hear a single coqui frog. So, they welcome the assistance, but what they’d like to see is the state agency to step up and take care of its own lands, including the infestations there, and to work with the network that this body has helped establish and fund to make sure that we can bring all the partners to bear to work cooperatively together to eradicate this pest on O’ahu. Mahalo.”

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

“Just some information regarding the little red fire ant. It didn’t start last week, last year, five years ago; the little red fire ant was first found in the district of Puna in 1999, and it has since spread throughout the Big Island and it’s spreading to the other islands. So, as we go forward to address the invasive species problem, including the coqui frog, which I tell my colleagues that live on O’ahu, ‘Get used to it; it’s only a matter

of time before it's in your backyard.' We're living with it. For me personally, it doesn't really bother me now; it did at one time. But the little red fire ant doesn't live on the ground: it lives on the trees and it falls on you, and as the senator from Kāne'ohe said, it's a sting that is worse than a jellyfish sting. So, it all depends on us: the will and the might, I guess, of how we're going to address the invasive species problem and all the other problems that confront us in times of short funds. Thank you very much."

The Chair made the following announcement:

"The deadline to file standing committee reports on Senate concurrent resolutions to meet tomorrow's First Crossover deadline is 8:00 p.m. tonight. The Clerk's office will distribute a list of all resolutions to be scheduled for adoption tomorrow later this evening."

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:52 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014.