

## SIXTIETH DAY

Thursday, May 1, 2014

The Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2014, convened at 11:39 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Thielen who was excused.

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Fifty-Ninth Day.

At this time, Senator Hee introduced former State Auditor Marion Higa, who was accompanied by Masa Nakayama in the gallery.

Senator Espero introduced and thanked Venus Delos Santos and Jan Farrant, his session staff who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Gabbard welcomed a group of seventh-grade students from Island Pacific Academy who were accompanied by Spanish teacher Laura Guzman; parent Sonya Jones; and Selena Gomez, a teacher from the Thomas Jefferson Institute in Queretaro, Mexico who was chaperoning 13 exchange students.

Senator Chun Oakland recognized the following members of her staff who were seated in the gallery: Tyrell Ma'ae, Alisha Leisek, Michael Fujimoto, and Jonathan Allen.

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 254 to 255 and 1152 to 1175) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 254, dated April 20, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Annual Report of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority pursuant to Chapter 227D, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 255, dated April 23, 2014, transmitting the 2013 Renewable Energy Report, prepared by Hawaii Gas for the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 269-45, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 1152, informing the Senate that on April 28, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2775, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 52, entitled: "RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1153, informing the Senate that on April 28, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2875, H.D. 1 as Act 53, entitled: "RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1154, informing the Senate that on April 28, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2882, S.D. 2, H.D. 2 as Act 54, entitled: "RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT."

Gov. Msg. No. 1155, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2658, S.D. 3, H.D. 2 as Act 55, entitled: "RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1156, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2175, S.D. 2, H.D. 2 as Act 56, entitled: "RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP."

Gov. Msg. No. 1157, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 286, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 57, entitled: "RELATING TO TOURISM."

Gov. Msg. No. 1158, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 716, S.D. 1 as Act 58, entitled: "RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1159, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 59, entitled: "RELATING TO A FIDUCIARY'S STANDARD OF CARE AND PERFORMANCE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1160, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1503, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 60, entitled: "RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1161, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1866, H.D. 2, S.D. 2 as Act 61, entitled: "RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY."

Gov. Msg. No. 1162, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1881, S.D. 1 as Act 62, entitled: "RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING."

Gov. Msg. No. 1163, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1882, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 63, entitled: "RELATING TO PODIATRISTS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1164, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1938, S.D. 1 as Act 64, entitled: "RELATING TO MEASUREMENT STANDARDS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1165, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2045, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 65, entitled: "RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1166, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2269, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 66, entitled: "RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1167, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 2666, H.D. 1, S.D. 2 as Act 67, entitled: "RELATING TO PERSONAL INFORMATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 1168, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2249, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 68, entitled: "RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1169, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2467, H.D. 1 as Act 69, entitled: "RELATING TO PODIATRISTS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1170, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2481, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 as Act 70, entitled: "RELATING TO TIME SHARES."

Gov. Msg. No. 1171, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 as Act 71, entitled: "RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION."

Gov. Msg. No. 1172, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 2898,

S.D. 2, H.D. 1 as Act 72, entitled: "RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSING."

Gov. Msg. No. 1173, dated April 30, 2014, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor allowed the following measure to become law without signature, which reads as follows:

House Bill No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 73, entitled: "RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS."

"Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB1830 HD2 SD1

HB1830 HD2 SD1, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS," will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

Consistent with the position I took on Act 227, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2011, the promotion of consistent and transparent arbitration proceedings is laudable, I continue to be concerned that the arbitrator has a different role than an appraiser.

For the foregoing reasons, HB1830 HD2 SD1 will become law as ACT 73 (14), Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, effective April 30, 2014, without my signature.

Sincerely,

/s/ Neil Abercrombie  
Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawaii"

Gov. Msg. No. 1174, dated April 30, 2014, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor allowed the following measure to become law without signature, which reads as follows:

House Bill No. 2496, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 as Act 74, entitled: "RELATING TO HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD."

"Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB2496 HD1 SD1

HB2496 HD1 SD1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD," will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the procedures by which regular and acting members of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board are appointed by the Governor.

As this bill went through the legislative process, several state departments and agencies expressed serious concerns regarding this measure. I encourage the Legislature to further review this issue next session.

Because of the foregoing reasons, HB2496 HD1 SD1 will become law as ACT 074 (14), Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, effective April 30, 2014, without my signature.

Sincerely,

/s/ Neil Abercrombie  
Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawaii"

Gov. Msg. No. 1175, dated April 30, 2014, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2014, the Governor allowed the following measure to become law without signature, which reads as follows:

House Bill No. No. 1977, H.D. 2, S.D. 1 as Act 75, entitled: "RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."

"Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

Re: HB1977 HD2 SD1

HB1977 HD2 SD1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," will become law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to amend statutory provisions pertaining to interest arbitration to provide that the "final positions" submitted to arbitration panels by public employers and exclusive representatives may only include proposals that were previously exchanged by the parties and fully "bargained" to impasse.

As this bill went through the legislative process, several departments and agencies expressed serious concerns regarding this measure. I encourage the Legislature to further review this issue next session.

Because of this, HB1977 HD2 SD1 will become law as ACT 075 (14), Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, effective April 30, 2014, without my signature.

Sincerely,

/s/ Neil Abercrombie  
Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawaii"

#### DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Dept. Com. No. 87) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 87, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 24, 2014, transmitting the FY2013 financial statement audit reports for the Department of Education; Department of Transportation - Airports Division; and Department of Health, including its Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund and Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

#### HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 726 to 751) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 726, returning S.C.R. No. 12, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 727, returning S.C.R. No. 13, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 728, returning S.C.R. No. 16, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 729, returning S.C.R. No. 17, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 730, returning S.C.R. No. 18, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 731, returning S.C.R. No. 19, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 732, returning S.C.R. No. 20, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 733, returning S.C.R. No. 21, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 734, returning S.C.R. No. 22, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 735, returning S.C.R. No. 23, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 736, returning S.C.R. No. 24, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 737, returning S.C.R. No. 31, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 738, returning S.C.R. No. 34, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 739, returning S.C.R. No. 56, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 740, returning S.C.R. No. 77, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 741, returning S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 742, returning S.C.R. No. 113, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 743, returning S.C.R. No. 116, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 744, returning S.C.R. No. 118, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 745, returning S.C.R. No. 120, S.D. 2, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 746, returning S.C.R. No. 146, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 29, 2014.

Hse. Com. No. 747, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2014, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House concurrent resolutions and said resolutions were Finally Adopted in the House of Representatives:

H.C.R. No. 14, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 78, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1;  
H.C.R. No. 202, H.D. 1, S.D. 1; and  
H.C.R. No. 238, S.D. 1.

Hse. Com. No. 748, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2014, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 1, 2014, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 749, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2014, the House reconsidered its action taken on March 24, 2014, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2019, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 750, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2014, the House reconsidered its action taken on March 25, 2014, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2320, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 751, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2014, the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No. 238, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 452, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 611, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 737, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 748, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 849, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 866, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;

H.B. No. 1288, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1618, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1635, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1641, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1671, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1692, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1702, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1706, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1712, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1714, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1723, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1750, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1752, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1811, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1814, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1823, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1926, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1931, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1943, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1951, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1966, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 1993, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2003, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2009, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2034, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2037, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2038, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2051, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2052, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2053, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2094, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2116, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2147, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2152, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2163, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2179, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2188, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2205, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2213, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2243, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2251, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2273, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2288, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2293, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2304, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2363, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2413, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2427, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2448, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2464, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2509, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2543, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2560, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2590, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2598, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
H.B. No. 2611, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;

S.B. No. 60, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 632, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 651, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 702, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1015, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1141, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 1233, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2048, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2057, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2073, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2074, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2082, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2134, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2196, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2223, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2246, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2260, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2288, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2300, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2308, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2315, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2330, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2346, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2365, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2368, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2391, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2410, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2411, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2472, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2483, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2542, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2577, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2581, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2583, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2589, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2609, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2634, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2682, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2729, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2742, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2768, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2779, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2809, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2820, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2821, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2866, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2877, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2895, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2953, S.D. 1, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 2981, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 3042, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 3093, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 3099, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;  
 S.B. No. 3121, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1; and  
 S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### FINAL READING

#### MATTER DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-14 (H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Taniguchi moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-14 be adopted and H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Ige.

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

“This bill specifically establishes the UHH College of Pharmacy Special Fund. It also exempts the special fund from the central service expenses. It appropriates an unspecified sum of special funds. And Madam President, also, I believe that there is a practical inconsistency because within our H.B. No. 1700, the budget that was recently passed, we have included \$33 million in funds, including \$28 million in general obligation bond funds and \$5 million in revenue bond funds. So, this sends a different message by passing this bill out.

“Also, if this body chooses to do this in the future, I believe that all University of Hawai‘i schools who want to be financially independent – or this body feels that that should be – then it should be with all of the schools and not just carving one certain school like UH Hilo does for this bill. Thank you, Madam President.”

The motion was put by the Chair and failed to carry, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143-14 was not adopted and H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, failed to pass Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Espero). Noes, 17 (Baker, Dela Cruz, English, Gabbard, Green, Hee, Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Kouchi, Nishihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Slom, Solomon, Tokuda, Wakai). Excused, 1 (Thielen).

#### ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3519 (Jud. Com. No. 3):

Senator Hee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3519 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro and carried.

Senator Hee then moved that the Senate consent to the nomination of HENRY T. NAKAMOTO to the District Family Court of the Third Circuit, State of Hawaii, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Shimabukuro.

Senator Hee rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“Madam President and members, I am standing in support of the Jud. Com. No. 3 for Henry T. Nakamoto as judicial nominee to the District Family Court of the Third Circuit, and encouraging you as members to consent to his nomination. Your committee met with Mr. Nakamoto quickly because he was sent down towards the end of session, and your committee is satisfied that Mr. Nakamoto is qualified to do the work in District Family Court of the Third Circuit.

“Mr. Nakamoto is a Big Island son whose father started the law firm that he eventually became a partner of and is today still a partner of. He has expressed the difficulty in working in the family court because, as most of us understand, those kinds of cases bring out the worst in good people. Mr. Nakamoto has been doing family court work for many years. He was supported by every person who came before the committee or sent testimony in. He was also supported by others who have presided over court as a per diem judge as well as in other ways as personnel of the court system.

"I believe that Mr. Nakamoto will serve the District Court of the Third Circuit with great distinction. He will bring honor to the judiciary, and I urge all of you to consent to the nomination of Henry T. Nakamoto to the District Family Court of the Third Circuit. Thank you, Madam President."

Senator Solomon rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

"Thank you very much, Madam President. I just would like to speak in very strong support of the previous speaker's remarks and also to urge my colleagues to vote in the affirmative. Thank you."

Senator Kahele rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

"Colleagues, I, too, also stand in strong support for Henry Nakamoto to be considered for the judgeship. Thank you very much."

Senator Ruderman rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

"Hilo's a small town; I've had occasion to have dealings with Mr. Nakamoto in a professional capacity and I just want to say I've known him to be very fair and capable. Thank you."

Senator Slom rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

"On behalf of the Senate Minority, we strongly support the nominee. I was particularly impressed, during the hearing, with the many things that he has done and accomplished, the experiences that he's had, and particularly his community leadership and pro bono work. He will be a real credit to the judiciary."

"And I want to thank the Judiciary chairman for expediting this hearing so that we save the taxpayers money during the session. Thank you."

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

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Thielen).

At this time, Senator Hee introduced Judge Henry Nakamoto, who was accompanied by his wife, Joyce; and his sons, Timothy and Jordan, in the gallery.

At 11:52 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

#### MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3518 (H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH AS LOCALICIOUS HAWAII MONTH," was adopted.

H.C.R. No. 68:

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, H.C.R. No. 68, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LONG-TERM CARE

FACILITY FOR VETERANS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS," was adopted.

#### FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-14 (H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Tokuda, seconded by Senator Ige and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150-14 was adopted and H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hee, Thielen).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-14 (H.B. No. 1796, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Tokuda, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151-14 was adopted and H.B. No. 1796, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hee, Thielen).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-14 (H.B. No. 2257, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

Senator Tokuda moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-14 be adopted and H.B. No. 2257, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Ige.

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

"You know, we've gotten into a rut in the last couple years and we equate higher salaries with better performance and yet, there's no proof of that. We have a proposal here to actually have the Superintendent of Education get a salary of \$250,000 or more. We still have problems with our public education system, K through 12. We've not made improvements and yet, our first inclination is always to go for a higher salary. I would rather see results first, and then we can always adjust salaries later. Thank you."

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

"Thank you. I'm sure at some point, perhaps in the interim, I can take the Minority Leader on a tour in his district of all the wonderful things that we have been doing in our school system to actually improve public education. In fact, as he's well aware, the Secretary of Education actually finished his 50-state tour of the country in Hawai'i and talked about how Hawai'i is actually now a model for the rest of the country in terms of how we've been leading the way with our reform efforts, in terms of transforming public education."

"But that being said, that's not the discussion point for today. It is the superintendent's salary that we are discussing in today's bill. Hawai'i is the ninth largest school district in the country, and the superintendent's salary range has not been adjusted since 2001, and it is by far the lowest among the top 15 largest school districts in the United States. This doesn't even begin to take into account that many of the school districts above and below Hawai'i actually include other benefits besides salaries within their compensation for their superintendents. In fact, we don't even allow for those types of compensations within this measure that we're discussing."

"This is also much more than just about the superintendent; it's about the ability for us to recruit and retain the very best and

brightest for the Department of Education's leadership team. This was already difficult, given the fact that about half a dozen principals were already making more than the superintendent and her entire leadership team. With the recent arbitrated pay raises for Unit 6, you'll now have many more making tens of thousands of dollars more than those that they actually report to.

"Now, in conference committee, we did also make some changes that put the performance contract in alignment with other employee evaluations in the department. This will allow the tenets of the evaluation to be relevant with what is being strategically measured at the time by the board versus having static tenets laid out in statute. I believe this measure we have before us is prudent and sound, has the broad backing of both parent and community advocacy groups and the business community at large, and I humbly ask for your support. Thank you."

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

"I did want to emphasize that the conferees had made changes to the original proposal and that they would be including a performance basis of the salary. In addition, we do have a sunset provision so that the Legislature would have the opportunity to revisit, after 10 years, about whether the policy to raise the salary is appropriate. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152-14 was adopted and H.B. No. 2257, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Slom). Excused, 1 (Thielen).

H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Espero and carried, H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Thielen).

S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Baker and carried, S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Slom). Excused, 1 (Thielen).

S.B. No. 1007, S.D. 2, H.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Solomon, seconded by Senator Espero and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1007, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 1007, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND LIABILITY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Thielen).

S.B. No. 2118, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Espero and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2118, and S.B. No. 2118, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN

SPENDING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Thielen).

S.B. No. 2629, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Espero and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2629, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 2629, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYISTS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Thielen).

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 86 to 88) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 86 "SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE SUBSEQUENT TO THE ADJOURNMENT THEREOF."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Slom.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.R. No. 86 was adopted.

S.R. No. 87 "SENATE RESOLUTION RETURNING ALL BILLS, CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS TO THE CLERK'S DESK."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Slom.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.R. No. 87 was adopted.

S.R. No. 88 "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE."

Offered by: Senators Galuteria, Slom.

On motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, S.R. No. 88 was adopted.

At this time, Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Madam President. Although floor presentations ended a month ago, thank you, Madam President, for allowing me the opportunity to make just one more.

"Colleagues, this is the final day of our 2014 Regular Session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature. One among us has made what I am sure was a very carefully considered and likely very difficult decision that he will leave the Senate to pursue higher office. I think it is appropriate for us to spend a few minutes acknowledging his service and leadership over the last 20 years in this body and even more years previously in the House of Representatives.

"I refer to the senator from Pearl City/Aiea, who has served in numerous committees and leadership positions over that time, and who leaves at a high point in his career as an elected official.

"Most of what we want to say about Senator Ige is in the Senate certificate, which all of you have signed, colleagues, and so, let me read from it:

The Senate is pleased to recognize Hawaii residents for their service in the public interest and exceptional leadership over a sustained period of years. In this spirit, the Senate commends a member of this body – Senator David Y. Ige – for having devoted more than

half his life to representing residents of Pearl City and Aiea as a member of the State Legislature.

David Ige was appointed by Governor George Ariyoshi to a vacant seat in the House of Representatives in December 1985 at the age of 28. He took his seat in the session of the Thirteenth Legislature that convened on his 29th birthday, January 15, 1986.

David and his colleagues, Senator Les Ihara, Jr. and Senator Brian Taniguchi, were elected to the Senate in 1994, and today the three of them are the longest continuously serving members of this body. For that kind of endurance alone, they warrant commendation.

David's 20-year tenure in the Senate has been marked by thoughtful, intelligent, insightful, and forward-thinking policy proposals that have always sought to build solid foundations for a better Hawai'i. His well-recognized ability to understand the big-picture implications of decisions, for which we are responsible as elected officials, has contributed to his effectiveness as a leader among us. We are so fortunate to have benefited from his wisdom and counsel.

Now, David has chosen not to seek re-election to his Senate seat. He will leave behind a distinguished record of accomplishments and accolades too numerous to recite. However, we do acknowledge his key role in supporting public education through increased funding, allowing more autonomy and fiscal flexibility, and authoring the first laws creating charter schools.

We note his authorship of the Hawaii Telecommunications and Information Industries Act. We are grateful for his focus on transforming the Legislature to make government more accessible that has made this body a national leader in electronic accessibility. In 2010, to recognize his leadership on the Senate's paperless initiative, David was awarded the National Association of State Chief Information Officers State Technology Innovator Award.

In more recent years, we cannot help but stand in awe of his grasp of the state budget and the process by which it is formulated under his leadership as chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Like most of his colleagues, David works in the private sector. He is a successful electrical engineer and project manager with a 34-year career devoted to information technology, telecommunications, networks, and responsible public communication policy. He served with distinction for more than 18 years as an engineer at GTE Hawaiian Tel.

Literally closer to home, the senator is a devoted husband to his wife, Dawn, and a loving father to their three children, Lauren, Amy, and Matthew. They have provided unquestioned, loyal support and encouragement to David as he has pursued his professional and public service careers.

The Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Hawai'i State Legislature, Regular Session of 2014, commends Senator David Y. Ige for his tireless commitment to improving the lives of all of Hawai'i's residents. With sincere gratitude, the Senate further extends warmest aloha and best wishes to our departing

colleague, with the wish for good health and much success in life beyond legislating.

"David, this hala lei presented on behalf of all of your colleagues represents 'new beginnings' or 'transition.' Madam President, I think that some of our colleagues have additional comments to offer. Thank you, and thank you, David."

Senator Slom rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say that with or without a mustache, David Ige has been a true leader and, like the man that appointed him first, Governor Ariyoshi, David has proven to be quiet but effective. He has been nothing but fair. He has worked hard. Every once in a while, you see that twinkle in his eye, but he has led us in very difficult discussions. He has been very fair to other opinions and dissent and he is someone that we can all respect and be proud of as a colleague in this body.

"So, he's been called 'State Representative'; he's been called 'State Senator'; and perhaps we'll add another name to that in the near future. But in any event, on behalf of the Senate Minority, we wish you the very best of luck and we thank you for everything you've done, David Ige. Aloha."

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

"Thank you. There comes the occasion when one decides to seize the day – *carpe diem* – and decisively leave the relative comfort of the Senate in search of higher office. We find ourselves face to face with such a departure today, with our colleague, friend, and at many times, a teacher to all of us over the past 29 years, as this truly is the final day of session for our Ways and Means chair, David Ige. And so, while most of you usually can't get me to stop talking, I really struggled with what I was going to say. After all, how do you thank someone who took a chance and a huge risk on a high school kid over 20 years ago and has never given up on them, no matter how much they probably wanted to and, maybe a few times, probably should have. Or who was among the first to stand by you in the rain and wave when the odds were not on your side, never once asking or caring about Senate factions or alliances, and when you won, was always there to listen and give you great advice, so much so that one of your best programs you've done every session every year since, since the beginning, was because of him.

"It's a tall order for such a special friend, so I decided that I would give him 'piece' – chess pieces, to be specific. When I first met the chess club over 20 years ago, they weren't called the 'chess club.' In fact, they were scattered between the chambers of the Legislature, but they were still working very closely together and were very much aligned, and at one point in the Senate, they may have been called the G6 or G7 or G8. Sorry, they made that term cool way long before the Far East Movement made any money off it – I don't know if any of you know what song that is, either. But yesterday, I asked David's three closest friends two simple questions in my desire to give him 'piece': If you could be a chess piece, which would you be? And if David were a chess piece, which would he be? Les said he'd be a knight; I think he likes the fact that it moves in an 'L' shape, but strategically, can be quite the multitasker, like Les is, in terms of taking out an opponent. Susie said she'd like to be a queen. I think we should all want to live in Susie's kingdom because there would be no poverty, no hunger, the elderly would age with dignity, and the children would be cared for. Roz said she'd be the rook, one of the most powerful pieces on the board, but it also is the one that watches out for the team and in many cases and in many games could deliver the final checkmate. When asked which piece David would be, Les and

Roz both said 'the queen,' the second most powerful piece on the board, and Susie said he'd be her king.

"So now, I was still faced with a bit of a dilemma. Considering I can probably count on one hand the number of chess games I've actually won in my entire lifetime, by my calculations I still had one too many queens to give him. And then my husband, who was primarily responsible for most of my chess losses, dropped a pearl of wisdom my way. I was reminded that there is a most humble of pieces that is often taken for granted by novice players like myself, disregarded by many, sacrificed without thought or strategy – even the name alone suggests being used by others for their own purposes, while in reality their existence has been in constant service for the greater good. And yet the humble pawn, if you think about it, is still the only piece on the chess board that can strategically, quietly, and decisively set the landscape of the chess board, as their moves are permanent. Unlike the other pieces, they do not move backwards; there's no backpedalling or second-guessing for them. And they also have a special skill that no other piece has, if patience and strategy prevail and that pawn makes it to the other side, you can have two queens.

"As I thought about all these skillsets, it dawned on me slowly that this is very much like the legislative career and personality of David Ige: how over the last 29 years, he has changed Hawai'i's social, economic, educational landscape – as mentioned by Senator Kidani – as Education chair, Health chair, and most recently as Ways and Means chair; and how time after time, he has stepped up to support either the House or the Hawai'i State Senate, taking on any role that was asked of him in service to the greater good.

"And now, I'm not that good at chess, obviously, but if I had to guess, in a game of chess and in a matchup, it's probably very similar to real life that if it came down to a game where you had two queens against a king, well, I guess we know just what might happen. So, David, I give to you on your desk before you a king, a queen, and a humble pawn – just small tokens of 'piece' to remind you of your friends and your time here at the Legislature for wherever your next journey may take you."

Senator Espero rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Madam President. Senator David Ige is certainly a man of honor and integrity. He epitomizes the positive attributes that all of us want to see in our elected officials. I've been honored and privileged to work with him and with all of you and I want to thank you, Senator Ige, for supporting my bills and initiatives and projects. We certainly wish you the best in all your endeavors and we know you will be close by wherever you may be. Aloha."

Senator Hee rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you, Madam President. I'll take a different angle on David Ige. A few years ago, he came to me and he said, 'Can you teach my daughter Amy how to ride a horse?' And I said, 'Sure.' And so we were at Waimānalo in the arena, and I had my good horse in those days – he's not here anymore – but he came in his van with his family. And I can't remember how old Amy was, but I don't think she was in high school yet. And as soon as the door opened, I was by my horse, and she came running – and I hadn't met her yet – her arms open and she said, 'Uncle, I'm Amy.' And before David could say a word, I threw her on that damn horse because I know the horse. And she was so tiny at that time, her feet couldn't reach the stirrups. And I know you know what that's like, Madam President, because of your own relationship with your boy, Micah.

"So, I looked and here came David Ige, running faster than I've seen David Ige run. But by that time, I took the horse, threw him in the arena. And he said, 'Well, don't you need to

teach her a few things?' I said, 'No, she'll be fine if you leave her be.' And she rode that horse in the arena; I took her a little bit, and then she went on her own and she rode.

"Shortly thereafter, I guess she wanted to be a vet, or she thought she wanted to be a vet. I took her up to Hale'iwa, and we were castrating calves, as we do seasonally. David used to bring her to Kemo'o Farm, and I'd pick her up there and I'd go. And I never invited David, because I don't want him to tell the girl what to do and be careful of this and that. I think Senator Solomon understands this: You let those kids be kids. And so I told David, I said, 'We're going up this weekend; we're going to be castrating calves. You want to bring Amy?' And he said, 'Yeah, I'm sure Amy wants to go.' And so he said, 'But can I go?' I said, 'No.' I said, 'You cannot go.' You remember, David? So I said, 'You cannot go.' So, David being David, he's not going to ask why; I think I hurt his feelings. But he said, 'Well, could you do this for me? Could you explain to her, before you guys start castrating those calves, what you're doing and why you're doing it?' I said, 'Okay, David, we'll do that.'

"So, we went. We rode and we round up those calves, and – this is really David, and this is really why I think so highly of him – that girl stayed on that horse all day. She never got off, and I said to her, 'Amy, don't you have to use the bathroom?' 'No, Uncle, I'm all good.' And she stayed on all day. We brought those calves in, took a few hours, and then one of the cowboys – and generally, they're Portuguese – and they said, 'Girl! Girl, you in the way!' So she said, 'Okay, Uncle.' She don't know who that is speaking, but 'Okay, Uncle!' She moved that damn horse over. And then one of the other Portuguese cowboys said, 'Can you open and close the gate when the calves come through?' She said, 'Of course I can!' She got off that damn horse and she went to the gates. And I know you know what I'm talking about because you've been around cowboys.

"And she did it all day; she sorted the calves, basically, from the heifers and the bull calves. And I'm waiting to tell her, 'Okay, your father said I've got to teach you what we're going to do.' And my son was with us that day, and he knows what we're going to do and he knows the young boys, they're going to wrestle those calves so the old-timers come and do the rest. And my boy marched up to me and he said, 'Pop, I'm not grabbing any calves. I didn't go to Princeton to grab calves, so get that out of your mind. I'm going to the fire,' and he took the horse and he sat as far as he could away from the catch pen. But not Amy; Amy said, 'What are we going to do?' I said, 'Well, now we're going to take those bull calves, we're going to rope them and tie them and knock them on the ground.' I said to her, 'Amy, your father asked me to explain this to you. So, we're going to castrate them. Amy, you have to understand, when you castrate a bull calf, why we ...' and she said, 'Uncle, stop.' And so I stop. I look at her; she said, 'I know why we're doing this and I know what we're doing.' I said, 'Don't you forget. If your father asks you, you tell him I told you.' She said, 'Okay.'

"But that's the David Ige that I like. All of us know David Ige, the legislator; all of us know the fairness with which we've been treated by David Ige. But I've been privileged to know David Ige, the father. And what a great statement, in my mind – well, I have a son, and many of you have children of your own – to know that he'll let these kids run and be kids. He'll ask you to take care of them without asking you to take care of them. He will ask you to explain what you're doing so that they understand, regardless of the fact that we don't put enough trust in these kids to know what we're going to do and why we're doing it.

"If I am not mistaken, Amy Ige is in medical school today. I know it's not because of what we did in Hale'iwa, but because of who her parents are. And what more can you say about a father than, 'Look at how he raised his kids.' That, to me, is a



measure of David Ige, and I'm very, very proud and I'm very, very honored that I had a small slice of Amy Ige's life that will stay with me the rest of my life. David knows that when we have the occasion to talk, I will always say, 'How's Amy doing?' And that's how I know she's in medical school. I think it's a terrific tribute to David Ige, the father, and that's what I want to share with you today. That's the David Ige that goes with me. Thank you very much."

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

"I just would like to thank David. You know, we kind of came in together. I was in the Senate; you were in the House. And I want to thank you on behalf of the Hawaiian community because it was really through your support and many others such as yourself who are not Hawaiian but stood up for the Hawaiian people. It started with the 'right to sue' bill, which was extremely controversial. It went on to the 'Onipa'a ceremonies that were held right here in our Capitol, when our former Governor John Waihe'e had the courage to lower the American flag and raise the Hawaiian flag. And I know for many of you that were not Hawaiian, many of you had difficulties with those thoughts. But David kind of stood firm with many of those that were not Hawaiian legislators to help further our cause.

"I want to thank you for your strong support for all of the Native Hawaiian schools. I want to thank you for your strong support for the University of Hawai'i Hawaiian studies programs. Many people don't realize that whole movement came from the eighties and carries on today.

"When the Hawaiians present you with a hala lei, I want to leave you with these thoughts that hala, the true definition of 'hala' – and I want to say this with pride because my district is Kohala, which really means 'the land of destiny.' And when the Hawaiians present this lei to you when you're going to be moving on to a different endeavor or a different career, the na'au and the significance of that lei is to tell you, 'God be with you in your choices that you have made and Godspeed, because only you make those determinations as to where you want to be and how you feel that you can best serve your Hawai'i nei.' So, with that, mahalo a nui loa a mau loa for all of ia kāko'o and your support that have really paved the ala nui for Hawai'i to become a better place in this time and space. Mahalo."

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

"Thank you very much, Madam President, and I would like the words of the previous speakers to be entered into the Journal as if they were my own. I rise on a point of personal privilege. On behalf of the majority, I stand with the Minority Leader and thank you, Senator Ige, for your leadership. I'll be very brief: You are a gentleman, and in these bodies, we welcome gentlemen. We welcome people that we can depend on. Your word is your bond. When Senator Ige says something, we can carry it to the bank. We carried the budget to the bank under your leadership, and through your prudent money management, we were able to pass a budget that is worthy to serve the people of Hawai'i.

"On behalf of all of the men in the Senate, we thank you for being a part of our caucus. On behalf of the women of the Senate, I'm sure they want to say the same.

"And one last and final thought is, you are the most humble of gentlemen, and wherever you go from here, this body will be better for that. This is a Senate moment. There are 25 of us who stand proud to represent our communities of over 1.5, maybe 2 million at this point. And we will always remember this day where we can stand up and we can thank you for your service to the people of Hawai'i. So with that, we bid you farewell, and

we'll see you over there, wherever 'over there' is. And good luck on your next venture, my friend. Mahalo a nui loa and aloha. Thank you, Madam President."

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

"You know, David has represented part of the district which I now currently represent for well over the nine years that I've been in the office. And throughout his tenure representing the district of Pearl City, I can truthfully say I've never heard anyone have any words that didn't say that he was a man of honor, quiet, and that you could count on him if he gave his word. And I think that is particularly important to me, that when you have someone who represented you at some point before you got into office, that the person who sits in that position is going to be steadfast in his views and honest and not a showmanship kind of guy but really one that does the work – does the people's work – and does it in a quiet and a very effective way.

"And I know his constituents in the area will miss him. Maybe when he moves on, if he is able to be successful, then he'll represent a much larger body of people, and I'm sure he'll do it in the same manner. So again, David, I really thank you for all that you've done and I wish you Godspeed as well. Thank you."

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

"This is kind of awkward. I found out David and I were born in 1957, and in all of the years that I lobbied on behalf of the county and the electrical cooperative, he never seemed to chair the committees that I appeared before. And so I knew him to say 'hi.' Never heard anybody speak ill of him, but it's not until I had the opportunity to serve in this body did I really get to know him: how bright he is, how thoughtful, as everyone has said.

"But more importantly, I think what I would like to share, like my colleague Senator Hee stated, is watching him as a father. I had the opportunity to get to know his daughter Lauren a lot better, and she's become a friend of my sons, and she's in law school in Georgetown right now in Washington, D.C. What we do here, we do with great passion and commitment, but we also do it at great expense to our families. And so, to do this job well, to serve the people of this great state and yet, give that kind of love and commitment to your family, it's usually our families that suffer and it's usually time with our families that is sacrificed. So, I would like to strongly echo what Senator Hee has said about David Ige: that as a father, he has not failed in his commitment to his children, to his wife and his family, and has somehow found a great balance to serve us well while making sure that they never suffered for that service.

"There are two things I will take away in remembering David in the last four years. Our first WAM site visit on Kaua'i wound up being David and I with staff; nobody else could make the site visits on day two. We wound up at a restaurant, and after he ate a healthy salad and we both declined the dessert, the manager of the property, doing the correct thing, overruled our denial and brought us the dessert anyway. There was a deep-fried chocolate lumpia, and as he bit into the lumpia, the chocolate started to run down his arm. It was so good, he started to lick his arm. And then somehow, who we are is simply who we are. If we're bright, if we're intelligent, if we're thoughtful, and most importantly, an engineer, we find ourselves compelled to ask life's tough questions: 'How did they get the chocolate inside?' And I look at him, and I said, 'Really? You know, I think they wrap it and then they deep fry it and it melts.' I don't know, you know? I thought, 'You loved it. You're an engineer;

why do you have to ask the question?' But he does and he always has and that's why he's done his job so well.

"The second and, more importantly, my strongest memory, is of a sleep-deprived David Ige in 2011, throwing his folder down on the table in conference room 309 during budget conference committee hearing and saying, 'We got this. We got this. We got this. We got this. It all adds up – we're done!' and walking out and creating a great budget for the people of Hawai'i.

"So, while I wish you well, David, I reserve the right – in case you are promoted – to take back everything I say if I have to negotiate with you. But on behalf of myself and my family, we certainly wish you and your family all the best. Thank you."

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

"I'd just like to add my voice in thanking David for working so hard on our behalf, for all of the people of Hawai'i; and for taking the time to come to our districts, come visit us, get to know us, and allowing us to get to know you. David, thank you very much for everything. We're going to miss you here and we wish you, as they say in French, 'bon voyage' – good journey – to your future endeavors. Mahalo."

Senator Baker rose to present the following remarks:

"I want to say 'aloha' to David; I can't get through much of anything else except to say that I appreciate all of the things that everyone has said about our colleague, and I would just say I echo those sentiments. And David, we're going to miss you; you've been a wonderful friend and a wonderful colleague. I had an opportunity to be a co-chair with Senator Ige when we tried that experiment in the Senate, and it's different than being a vice chair. It's a very interesting relationship because you have to work together and you have to come up with a unified approach and a way to address the issues. And I learned a lot about David; I learned a lot about his integrity and how much he cares about good policy and doing the right thing.

"It has been an amazing journey to serve with him, both in the House and in the Senate. And I, for one, am going to miss him deeply – not just because he's a chess club member, but he's a great friend. He's understood the neighbor islands and he's really tried to do what is pono on all the issues that he has come into contact with. So, good luck; best wishes; we'll miss you."

At 12:39 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

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

"This is one of those things that you kind of think about sometimes but not really. I wanted to talk a little bit about my journey to public service and about some of the experiences and people that I think have been very important to me, and some of the best accomplishments, I think, in my time here at the State Capitol.

"You know, Madam President, you had a part in starting me on this journey, as you know. You may recall that a mayor had convinced a couple of city councilmen to change parties, and Congresswoman Mink was incensed and mounted a recall petition and actually got them recalled. And my journey here started because you and your colleague from Pearl City decided that you would take up the charge and resign your seats. And a short while later, Governor Ariyoshi appointed me to represent the community of Pearl City, and as they said, in terms of

destiny, my twenty-ninth birthday was the very first session day that I served at the State Capitol.

"I just wanted to tell a little bit about the things, I guess, I'm most proud of in my service here. When I first came here, I was shocked. I came from Hawaiian Telephone; we had personal computers at the company by at least a half a decade by the time I came over here. I was shocked; I walked into my office and there's no computer in the room. I mean, it's sort of like, 'Well, how can this be?' There's no network, and then I find out, right: Well, word processing, if you actually wanted to do word processing – and those old-timers here know – well, you've got to go to the word processing pool. There was a bunch of Wang computers, so if you wanted to do a mail merge, you actually had to wait your turn. So, as a freshman appointee, it didn't take me long to figure out that I would never get a turn. You know, these guys had it rigged, right? I mean, you're last on the priority list. And so, I had a very resourceful retiree working in my office, Nancy Matsunaga. So she said, 'The Tax Department is throwing away a whole bunch of mag card readers,' and she said, 'If you want me to, I'll get one.' And so I said, 'Sure.' How can you be in public office and not have a word processor, right? So, she brings in this mag card reader, and I swear, it was the size of a piano. It had these cards that I never knew what it was, and the way that you do a mail merge is you type a letter and then you'd program the typewriter – it's a Selectric typewriter, right? – you'd program the typewriter to stop and then you had to manually type in the name and address and then you hit 'continue' and it would continue on. So, my first year here at the State Capitol was very unusual. I couldn't quite figure out whether this was really the way that laws got made or whether I was being punished.

"But, you know, a strange thing happened in one of those very, very early sessions. We probably had the worst calamity that public access could ever have because the House and the Senate had voted on the entire Third Reading calendar and the general public couldn't get copies of any of the bills, because the Xerox machines and everything had broken down. So, can you imagine if, on all the work that we've done in the last two days, the public couldn't get access to the Final Reading bills until two weeks from now, what would happen in our community? Well, that actually happened a number of years ago. So, a couple of colleagues of mine – we were in the House at that time, the senator from Pālolo and the senators from Makiki and Mānoa – formed the first special legislative access committee because we really felt that the public not having access to the legislative process was a problem.

"That was a great time for public access; we went to hearings across the state and we really looked at what it would mean for us to be committed for the public to participate in the legislative process. And we came back from the statewide meetings and we passed the first group of legislative access measures. What did we do? We created the Public Access Room. We really felt that we needed somebody who really understood what the process was to be able to help the public: to help the public understand and help them interface. We knew that we had to create access, so – and this is before the Internet and PDFs – we committed to electronic access to bills and resolutions. The public, for the first time, would be guaranteed that when the Legislature is voting on measures, they would have full access to every single document that the Legislature's voting to in real time, not two weeks later.

"I think, most importantly, we recognized the role of the public library, and the public library became the access point. We put terminals and printers in each and every library; we installed fax machines so that the public, if they wanted to be engaged, could go there and get access to every document; and we started accepting electronic testimony. Anyone could go to the library, and at that point in time, it was a dollar a page to go

to a private company, but anybody could go to any public library and fax testimony to the Legislature so they could be part of the process. Ever since that day, Hawai'i has been at the forefront of public access.

"In 1993, the first 'Ōlelo broadcast of a public hearing occurred, and for the first time, shortly thereafter, my children could actually see the work that we do. In 1996, we launched the Capitol website, [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov); and you know, what most people don't understand is we had gone through an RFP to procure a bill drafting system at \$3.1 million, and the vendor failed miserably. We decided that we were going to do it in-house. We made an investment in the staff, and some of those Data Systems staff are still with us. And we relied on their talent to create a system that would be the core of the legislative website on a going-forward basis rather than work with high-priced consultants. And I've got to say today that the Data Systems staff of both the House and Senate really have created a remarkable piece of software that serves our entire community and has become the model of public access across the country. So, Carol and the rest of the Data Systems staff, thank you very much for all that you do.

"In 1999, we started hearing notices by email. In 2000, the first email testimonies arrived. In 2006, ahead of the game, we provided free Wi-Fi access at the State Capitol. And in 2007, we started the Senate Paperless Initiative; and I want to thank each and every one of you for your participation in that, even the minority member. We were all committed to proving that we could do something better, that we could serve the public and provide better services at less cost. It was a remarkable project, I think, that all of us had a hand in and clearly the Senate paperless project is something that we can all be proud of. We reduced paper consumption by over 85 percent since 2007, something that I think we can all be proud of.

"Then, in 2008, we put all testimony online, so the public had full access to all of the documents that we were considering in making our decisions. And most importantly, it was searchable, so that if you wanted to see what the senator from Pālolo had submitted in his testimony, you could actually search his name and really see if he had submitted testimony or not.

"And then finally, starting in 2013, the entire budget process went paperless and online. For the last two years, we've been providing full access to all legislative documents for all of the decision making that we made. I do believe that legislating in the State of Hawai'i will never, ever be the same for all of the things that we contributed to make public access real in the State of Hawai'i. And I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your part in that work.

"It's funny; as some of you got up to speak, I was concerned because you were taking part of my speech, but I said, 'You know what? I'm not flexible; I'm an engineer,' so I'm going to deliver it as I wrote it.

"The other thing that I've always been passionate about is education and education reform. I did have the privilege to serve as the chair of the Education Committee and I was a partner with my colleague, the senator from Kāne'ohe, at that time. We were committed to improving the public school system unlike any other effort at that time. We had hundreds and hundreds of public meetings. We went across the state. We met with everybody: We met with parents and students and teachers, principals, faculty, staff, community members. We wanted to hear from each and every one of them, what was working in the public schools and what wasn't. We met with the private schools. We met with headmasters. We met with the College of Education. We met with anybody and everybody who had any idea about what needed to be fixed in the public school system.

"After many, many hours, I have to say we invented the idea of an omnibus bill. I'm sorry for those of you who don't like that idea. We were convinced that we had to do a comprehensive overhaul of the public education system, and introducing a bill at a time was too easy for special interests to pick off. But collectively, if we had a bill that was addressing all of the areas in public school reform, we knew that collectively, the sum parts would be more than the individual parts.

"So, we did embark on that strategy and along the way, a precocious senior from Castle High School sort of joined the team. It was remarkable for her to be willing to sit with us and contemplate all of the changes that we believed were important. But it really reconfirmed our commitment to public schools, that a public school senior could be so committed to improving the public education system that she would be willing to work with us and take on all of the special interest groups as we tried to carve out a path that would accelerate and enhance the public school system. I knew at that time that this senior was something special and she would be doing great things – and most importantly, she's a public school graduate.

"Well, at the end of the day, we were able to pass the most comprehensive public school reform at the time, and I'm certain that precocious senior might disagree a little bit with those statements since, but there was a whole ton of things that we did. We were committed to making it fun. We had 'Let's Get Wired.' It was a commitment to ensure that our public schools would be the first public schools in the country to be connected to the Internet. We started that program and completed, and then we enhanced that, because then we expanded that to ensure that each and every classroom had access to the public Internet, way before any other state or school district had even thought about that.

"We created the 'Back to School Hawaii Day.' As my colleague and I traveled around the state, we were appalled that all these guys throwing lobs about why public schools can or cannot work, and most of them had not been on a school campus in 20 or 30 years. So, we created this 'Back to School Hawaii Day,' and we asked everybody – everybody – to join us and go back to school and visit for a day so that they could understand what it was like to be at a public school.

"In the end, we completed the most comprehensive reform of the public school system. We were focused on empowering schools. We enacted pay for performance; we wanted to ensure that principals who did a good job could get paid for their increasing the student learning. We included accountability; we established statewide performance standards. And we were really focused on seeing the budget and the money follow the students. We believed that it really was about grassroots, top-down – empower the schools and let those closest to the children make the most important decisions.

"And finally, we did pass the first charter school law, and although we didn't know that we should call it 'charter schools' at that point in time, we were a bit ahead of the envelope. We called it 'student-centered schools' because we believed that if you focus on the children first, that everything else would fall into place. And I'm proud of the work that I've been able to do on this public school system. In conference committee that year, we broke all the rules. We decided that we were – my colleague and friend from Kāne'ohe – we decided that we'd sit with this precocious senior on the same side of the table in conference committee. And it was funny because you would see all the other House and Senate members walk in the conference room and they didn't know what was going on. How in the world can the House and Senate be sitting on the same side of the table, trying to decide and define how we should reform public schools? It just didn't work like that, but we made it work.

“And there are a couple other things that I’m very proud of in public schools. As the senator from Kohala had mentioned, I remember the first time I met with Larry Kimura from ‘Aha Pūnana Leo and heard and talked with him about how we were losing a nation, about how there were less than 50 Native Hawaiian speakers, and the language *is* the culture. And we talked about what we needed to do to be able to save the host culture in our communities, and it was about Hawaiian language immersion programs.

“I was proud that the first Hawaiian language program was in my district at Waiāu Elementary School, and fully supported. Meeting after meeting with the parents and the supporters, it was obvious: those people – the teachers, parents in that immersion school – were on a mission. They were on a mission to save the culture and the language. It was so energizing to be meeting with them. And as the first Hawaiian language immersion school, there were no textbooks. There were no library books. We would be meeting after school, and they would purchase children’s books. There was a group that was translating them, and then we would be cutting and pasting the translations so the children could have reading material because there was no reading material in the Hawaiian language. It was a phenomenal experience for me and I think, most importantly, I still believe that Waiāu Elementary is the best example of merging the immersion program with the regular students because both the English language students and the Hawaiian language immersion students enhance and encourage each other. That school is unlike any other school that I’ve been to, and today, they still are a beacon and a model for how the immersion school can coexist with the English language school and excel.

“I was also part of the whole effort on homeschooling. Meeting with the superintendent back then, it was very difficult for you as a parent to choose to homeschool your child, but we looked at the data and we said, ‘This is ridiculous. Homeschooled children do very well. We ought to make it easier for you to choose to homeschool your child.’ We believed that a parent should have every opportunity to find the right educational environment for their children for them to excel.

“So, I’m just proud of the work. I want to thank my colleague from Kāne‘ohe. I want to thank that precocious senior from Castle High School who has followed us around, thankfully. I thank the thousands and thousands of parents, teachers, educators, and community members who really joined us on that journey and really helped inspire us to enact the reforms that we enjoy today.

“I just wanted to take a little time on two more things and then I’ll be done. My colleague from South and West Maui has talked a little bit about our experience as co-chairs of the Consumer Protection and Technology Committee, at that time. We were asked – I was asked; I was not interested in serving as Consumer Protection chair, but we had years of gridlock on auto insurance. We had a crisis on our hands: insurance companies were leaving the state because they couldn’t make a profit. The insurance rates were going higher and higher and higher and insurance rates were the highest in the country as insurance companies bailed on the market, and we were asked to take on that challenge.

“It is difficult being a co-chair, but I believe that that really allowed us to do a better job in our conferences with the House at that point in time. There were two of us to figure out what the options should be. The senator from West Maui talked about it, but I really felt that being co-chairs allowed us to really outgun the House at that point and it was truly remarkable. The insurance rates were soaring. We involved all stakeholders in discussions – we invited them all. We focused on the cost drivers, working with those experts in the industry. We used

actuaries to evaluate the options that we wanted to consider so we knew exactly what the impact of the various changes that we were making would be. And finally, we were able to get an auto insurance reform passed. I was proud of the fact that we were able, because of our work with the actuaries, to mandate a 20 to 35 percent reduction in auto insurance rates so that all of the members in our community would be able to benefit from lower insurance rates. And you know, it’s really funny; at that point in time, a plaintiff attorney had talked to me after the bill was completed and they said, ‘Five years, max. We’ll figure it out. We’ll figure out how we can work around your law,’ so that they can continue the lawsuits. And here we are, 17 years after we enacted the auto insurance reform bill, and our auto insurance rates are stable. We have more insurers than we need and our community has benefited from 17 years of stable rates and affordable insurance.

“One last story I did want to tell, and it’s concerning my friend and colleague from Kahalu‘u. He spilled the beans; I think it’s all about relationships here at the Capitol. I think we all work and learn to work with each other, be able to listen. My colleague from Kahalu‘u figured out my weak spot and he befriended my daughter. Now, the other side of the story that he didn’t talk about is for the next six months after that fateful trip up to Hale‘iwa to round up the cattle, my daughter was in my face about buying a horse. She would find horses for sale on the Internet; she would talk about buying a horse. She was all of 13 years old, I think, at that time. So, I’m trying to be the good parent, right? So, I’m trying to say, ‘Well, why don’t you figure out what’s involved with a horse?’ So she goes along, ‘Oh, Dad, it’s easy.’ I said, ‘No, it’s not easy.’ So where do we keep the horse, right? I mean, I’m in ‘Aiea, right? ‘Where do you keep the horse, Amy?’ ‘Oh, um, well, we can just tie him up in the back.’ You know, for six months, she badgered me and finally, I just said, ‘You know what, Amy? When you make 18, you can go ahead and buy your horse, but I’m not going to buy you a horse until then.’

“But you know, the remarkable thing about that is when the opportunity to acquire the conservation easement at Turtle Bay was before us, it didn’t take a whole lot for my friend and colleague from Kahalu‘u to convince me that it was the right thing to do. The challenge before us – my vice chair from Mililani knew that the budget was out of balance, that there was no way we could find \$40 million. There was no way we could cut that project from Kapa‘a or cut that project from Kaimukī or cut the pharmacy building in order for us to find the \$40 million in general obligation bonds to fund this project. So, in the dire evening of Thursday, thanks to my colleague and friend from Kāne‘ohe, the whole notion of restructuring the debt came to us as a win-win solution for everyone. And I’m so proud to be able to say that I had a small piece in preserving that pristine piece of property out in Turtle Bay for my friend from Kahalu‘u – who’s my daughter’s horse-riding coach and friend – for all the people of Hawai‘i, because I am certain that that is one of the things, 20 years from now, that we will remember as a big accomplishment in this legislative session: the preservation of the lands at Turtle Bay.

“So, I did want to thank each and every one of you for being part of my journey here. I wanted to thank Governor Ariyoshi for giving me this opportunity. I am certain that if he did not appoint me, I would never choose to run for office. It is something that I think is just not in my DNA. I did want to thank my wife, Dawn, and my kids, Lauren, Amy, and Matthew for their willingness to give up some time so that I can do this public service.

“I did want to thank my staff. You all know I have been blessed for all the years that I’ve served in the Capitol with wonderful staff. We know, with all the things that we’re required to do as part of our service, that if it weren’t for staff,

we wouldn't get anything done. And in all of my 29 years here at the Capitol, I have had so much support and been able to cobble together, on the meager pay that we're allowed, a tremendous staff that allows us to do more with less and provide the services that our community demands. I did also want to thank and acknowledge the permanent staff: the Clerks and the Sergeant-at-Arms and SMA; LRB, if they're watching. They really do yeoman's work. They all serve at the pleasure of the Senate. They all commit more time and energy than we would ever ask of normal people, but they really do make the Legislature and the Senate work for all of the people of Hawai'i.

"And finally, I did want to thank the community and constituents in Pearl City and 'Aiea for the honor and privilege of being their representative here in the State Capitol. I want to thank each and every one of you, as well as those in my community, who empower us to do the work on behalf of the people of Hawai'i. From the very first day that I walked into this building – even though I started in the minority caucus room by mistake – the thing that I got and what encouraged me to run for office the first time was the commitment of each and every person I met in this building to public service. We may not agree on all the issues, but it's very clear that we are all committed to serve the people of Hawai'i and do the best that we can on their behalf.

"So, I want to thank you for 29 years of the best experience of my life. I am energized and excited about my future and wish you all the best. Thank you."

Senator Shimabukuro rose to remind the members that the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs would be holding an informational briefing on the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 229.

Senator Hee rose to announce that the Senate Special Investigative Committee on the Hawaii State Hospital would be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 016.

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

"I just want, on behalf of the majority, to thank you for your leadership. This legislative session, as we move to adjourn, I think we're confident that we've aligned with our initial priorities to continue Hawai'i's quality of life now and in the future through the initiatives that have surfaced supporting Hawai'i's keiki, kūpuna, workers, and the environment for consideration. Our state supplemental budget provides funding for core services such as education, health, the University of Hawai'i, human services, the environment, public safety, supporting and caring for the lives of Hawai'i's people.

"Flagship legislation that emerged include increasing the minimum wage: boosting the income of Hawai'i's lowest-paid workers, giving them more money to spend and invest, increasing economic activity and growth. Our joint majority package, Madam President and colleagues, supports Hawai'i's kūpuna through funding of aging and long term care and investor education programs. We are protecting our environment, establishing an adaptation committee on the sea level rise vulnerability. We have appropriated \$5 million for the Invasive Species Council.

"And in everything we do, we did it with balance and fairness. It's always about balance, Madam President – the same way we look at things here in the State Senate, every issue has two opposing sides. Our job as lawmakers is to come out of the end of session with worthy legislation to improve the quality of life of our people, the people of Hawai'i nei, the people we

represent, and I think we did just that. Once again, thank you for your leadership. Mahalo."

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

"Most of our support agencies were mentioned, and I know when I extended my thanks to the permanent staff last year, it was pointed out to me that I failed to mention the accounting department. And I want to make sure that I don't do that this year because I want to get my paycheck. And so, I apologize for missing them last year. I know most of the agencies were thanked today, and again, I express our thanks for all the work they do to allow us to do our work and certainly, the accounting department. Thank you."

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

"Thank you. Well, we made it to the end. It's always a question, how difficult it's going to be during the session. I want to thank Senate President, the Majority Leader, and the majority team; and I want to especially thank my staff, my attorney, research staff, and office staff. I think they've done a yeoman's duty. When you're on all 16 committees and every ad hoc committee and every investigating committee, you must rely on a dedicated and energetic and passionate staff, and I'm very blessed to have had that again this year.

"We don't always agree, although most of the votes were very close: 24 to 1. I've tried to present facts and alternatives and I've tried to be a person who disagrees without being disagreeable. We had our moments. People ask me, 'How would you describe this session in one word?' And it was difficult to say. Some people suggested 'quiet.' This was a quiet session compared to previous sessions – until the end and the excitement of room 309 on Friday night. The other word that comes to mind would be 'rush.' I think we broke all kinds of records this year in our rush to pass the budget early, to agree to the extent that we've never agreed before with the House, to wrap up conferences in a timely manner.

"While I disagree with many of the things and, as I say, have offered alternatives, I do certainly agree with the Majority Leader that all of us are committed and dedicated 100 percent to the future of Hawai'i and to our people. And while I probably project a more negative point of view for our finances and the budget, I know also that I am an optimistic person and I believe in the abilities of individuals, and I know that one person can do many things and have a tremendous impact on others. We spent a great deal of time talking about that with Senator Ige and others of you who have done the same thing. We have taken different paths but we want to get to the same destination, and that is to make our state the best that it can be.

"I would urge a few things, however, in reviewing this legislative session. Again, I think we spend too much time patting ourselves on the back for spending other people's money. I think we owe it to the taxpayers of this state, among the highest-burdened in the nation, to recognize it is their contributions, it is their wealth, it is their work that we decide upon.

"I think, also, that we need to do a little better job in reading and understanding certain bills and certain requests, particularly for money, particularly at a time when we have such a multiplicity and duplication of nonprofits and other organizations and individuals asking us for money – again, not our money, the taxpayers' money. The story in the paper today just highlights that about a conflict of interest – clear, clear conflict of interest – of a member of the House of Representatives, but we all approved that budget with all that money in it, except your Minority Leader. The story that had come out recently about the company Sopogy, which had been

a darling of the Legislature because of political commitment and not actual educational or engineering attainment. We need to do a better job. We need to read the bills and understand and listen to the criticism before we vote; and then we shouldn't be afraid to vote in opposition to something that clearly raises red flags, even if that vote goes against us.

"I'm proud to be in the Senate. I enjoy our discussions and our debates. I think that we need to have more openness and more transparency. Retiring Senator Ige has done so much in that regard and it's a wonderful thing, and while I have been critical of many areas of government, I have been quick to point out that our website is the best in the United States; that even though legislators often try to fool the public with our procedural shenanigans, the public can now follow us. They can do it in real time, and that's a real tribute.

"And so I'd say, as we close another year, our work, of course, is not done; we should always strive to do better and know that we can do better, and we look forward to working during the interim. A lot of people don't understand that we still have work to do; we still have hearings, as was mentioned. We still have briefings. We have work and we meet with our constituents. All of us understand that, in fact, we are public servants. We serve the public. We want to get that public more engaged; they need to be more empowered. We can't go from number 1 in the nation in terms of voter turnout to number 50 without consequences. We need to encourage people to get engaged, to run for office, to help those that are running, to be part of the system, so that all of us together will make a better Hawai'i, the best state in the nation. Aloha and thank you, Madam President."

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

"I also wanted to give a shout-out to our Capitol TV program Executive Director Glenn Booth and all of his staff for enabling us, the general public, as well as our staff to follow us on the many committee hearings and meetings that we have to go through. So, job well done; thank you, Glenn."

Senate President Kim delivered her closing remarks as follows:

"Colleagues, we convened this session by honoring and acknowledging those who had served with us and before us in these Senate chambers over the years. It was heartwarming for us to welcome them back, to see old friends, and to have an opportunity to thank them for their enduring contributions to the people of Hawai'i. It was also a time for us to look back over the 55 years of statehood and to celebrate the accomplishments of the past legislatures.

"Now, this 2014 Session is part of that history. I believe we can point with pride to what we accomplished. Future legislators will note the key accomplishments of 2014: worthy increase of the minimum wage to help our working people; expanding the educational opportunities for our preschool children; making kindergarten mandatory; instituting government reforms; preserving conservation lands on our North Shore; protecting the environment of invasive species with prevention, control, research efforts; supporting Hawai'i's kūpuna; and, all the while, maintaining discipline and control over the state budget; and so much other key legislation that commits our state to move forward without an over-commitment of the taxpayers' money.

"As always, there were issues of contention, each with passionate, reasoned proponents and opponents. There were disagreements over spending priorities and the scope and direction of government programs. And of course, we were faced with the ever-present deadlines that sometimes limit us in the debate that we desired. And like other sessions, it was not easy; it never is. But we did conduct our session with

congeniality, with openness, fairness, and an earnest commitment to do the people's business, to serve our constituents to the best of our abilities, and to work together to keep Hawai'i a special place.

"Sure, there are other important measures that we will need to work on that will need more collaboration. And while we did address many of those needs, there simply wasn't enough time to address them all. The weeks ahead will provide some time for reflection on what we need to do as we come up on the next session. This interim will be hectic with elections, but we must carve out some time to continue the work to prepare for the 2015 Session, which will be upon us in just eight short months.

"On a personal note, I'm very grateful to each and every one of you for your support, your collaboration, and the work we did together. It's always difficult when a large group tries to deal with a number of complex issues in a short period of time. But we worked it, always reminding ourselves of our purpose and the awesome responsibility that have been bestowed upon us by our constituents.

"Of course, we could not do this alone; as many of you have said, we do have the assistance and the help of very hard-working staff members. I'd be remiss in not thanking my staff: Terrence, Gina, Nancy, Daniel, Charn, and Lesli. Also thanking the Ways and Means staff; having been chair of Ways and Means, some of them served with me and they are immensely dedicated to their job. Our permanent staff: our Clerk, Carol Taniguchi, for being available all hours at night when I would call; our Sergeant-at-Arms, Ben Villaflor, and all of his people; SMA, Casey also there for phone calls, and Richard; Data Systems; our Communications; LRB; Accounting; our Printshop; our Journal; Supply; and our minority staff, as well. Everyone, all of you combined, have made our job a little bit easier.

"I'd also like to thank my leadership team – Vice President Kouchi, Majority Leader Galuteria, Assistant Majority Leader Kidani, Majority Floor Leader Espero, Majority Policy Leader Ihara, our Majority Whips Senator Kahele and Senator Tokuda – for working with me to address the day-to-day rigors of this office. I really appreciate the frank discussions we've had, your support, and your guidance throughout the session. I also want to thank our, Minority Leader, Sam Slom for always providing us with an alternative view and for your support. I especially want to thank our Ways and Means chair. I've had the privilege of working side by side with him for the past 14 years. I hold him in very high esteem and I believe that he has shepherded us through some of the hard times of the budget. Senator Ige, I join with my colleagues in wishing you success in your future goals and hopefully, we will work together again.

"Members, we can all be proud of what we were able to accomplish this year in keeping Hawai'i a very special place. Mahalo to all of you."

The Chair then made the following announcement:

"Members, I'm going to call for a recess. We're going to walk over to the House of Representatives to let them know that we're ready to adjourn Sine Die."

At 1:29 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Senator Espero moved that the Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2014, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Senator Slom and carried.

At 1:46 p.m., the President rapped her gavel and declared the Senate of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2014, adjourned Sine Die.