



6th District  
HĀNA, EAST & UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA`I, LĀNA`I & KAHO`OLAWÉ

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**SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH APPLAUDS APPOINTMENT OF  
D. MELE CARROLL TO 13TH DISTRICT HOUSE SEAT**

Senator J. Kalani English (D-Hāna, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka`i, Lāna`i, and Kaho`olawe) expressed his enthusiastic support for the Governor's appointment of D. Mele Carroll to the 13th District House seat vacated January 6 by former Representative Sol Kaho`ohalahala. "This is wonderful news for the people of Moloka`i, Lāna`i, Hā`iku, and Hāna, who can look forward to the best possible representation in the State House. Governor Lingle has made the right decision. It's my pleasure to congratulate Mele on her appointment; I look forward to working with her again."

"Mele and I worked together for six years, both when I was a Maui County Council member and here at the State Senate, where she was my Chief of Staff," Senator English added. "She knows the district, its people, and the issues that affect the lives of her constituents. She's a dedicated and capable public servant."



Sen. English with Rep. Carroll in the House Chambers after her swearing-in ceremony.

During the period when the 13th District was vacant, Sen. English drafted, and asked the Speaker of the House to introduce, a Capital Improvements Bill for the district. "It was important for the needs of the 13th District to be fully addressed while we waited for the seat to be filled," Sen. English said.

Rep. Sol Kaho`ohalahala resigned from his office to become Executive Director of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. Kaho`ohalahala has been involved with efforts to restore the island for more than thirty years.



**A Message From Kalani**

The 2005 Legislative Session is under way. The next few months represent a tremendous opportunity. As the Chair of the Committee on Energy, the Environment, and International Affairs and a member of five other important Senate committees, I will be dealing with issues that have a vital impact on the people of the 6th District.

And in order to provide the best possible representation, I need to keep in touch with the district. Communication is the heart of our effort as legislators, and that means that my staff and I want to hear from you on the issues that affect your lives. It also means that we have a responsibility to keep you informed, and this newsletter is part of that effort. So please, feel free to get in touch with us; we're standing by to help.

Aloha,

*J. Kalani English*



## Bottle and Can Collection Gathers \$7,500 for UNICEF



from left to right: Sen. J. Kalani English, Rep. Helene Hale, Reese Liggett, Rep. Hermina Morita, Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter Director Jeff Mikulina, project coordinator Vivian Caylor, Reynolds Recycling President Terry Telfer, United Nations Association President Joanne F. Tachibana.

A weekend-long effort to collect bottle and cans has provided UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) with sufficient funds to immunize 7,500 children in countries devastated by the Dec 26 Indian Ocean tsunami. A coordinated effort by local businesses and community groups sent volunteers out over a single weekend in early January to collect recyclable bottles and cans and redeem the deposits for cash. The result: nearly 150,000 bottles and cans collected and a \$7,500 donation to UNICEF for tsunami relief.

Sen. J. Kalani English, who accepted the check on behalf of UNICEF, said, "This is a wonderful way to highlight our state's recycling efforts and reach out to people in need at the same time. The dedicated volunteers behind this effort deserve our heartfelt thanks."

Hawai'i currently lags behind the national average in the recycling of beverage containers. The national average is 38 percent; in Hawai'i we only recycle around 20 percent. "Hawai'i's new bottle law is only a first step," said Sen. English. "we must step up our recycling efforts here --- really make a fundamental change in the way we treat disposable items. This UNICEF donation highlights the fact that recycling is good for everyone."

## Capital Improvement Projects Address Needs of District

One of a legislator's primary responsibilities is making sure the state budget includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for new construction and repairs to essential facilities. This year Sen. English has introduced a number of CIP requests for the district; highlights are listed below.

Haleakala Highway Widening	\$36,462,000
Paia Bypass	1,500,000
Maunaloa Highway Slope Stabilization	1,925,000
Firebrick road to Pukalani Bypass	19,525,000
Maunaloa Highway Bikeway Pullout	200,000
Bridge, Moloka'i	225,000
Ha'ikū School	3,325,000
Hāna High and Elementary	4,054,000
Kalama Intermediate School	1,500,000
Kaunakakai School	700,000
Kilohana School	2,500,000
King Kekaulike High School	12,775,000
Kualapuu School	68,000
Kula Elementary School	2,096,000
Lāna'i High & Elementary School	2,943,000
Makawao Elementary School	666,000
Maunaloa School	5,330,000
Moloka'i High School	1,172,000
Paia Elementary School	2,860,000
Pukalani Elementary School	4,080,000
Agricultural Park, Lāna'i	450,000
Moloka'i Irrigation System	1,500,000
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission	17,500,000
Makawao Library Expansion	5,500,000
Hāna Affordable Housing	5,600,000
Lāna'i Veterans' Cemetery	100,000
Moloka'i Electric Plant	950,000
Lāna'i Community Hospital Improvements	25,000
Certified Kitchen, Lāna'i	81,000
Cultural Learning Center, Moloka'i	200,000
Kalaupapa Museum, Moloka'i	585,000

### View Sixth District CIP Bill *text on line*

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1902\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1902_.htm) SB 1902

A separate appropriation, for Phase II renovation and operating costs of Moloka'i General Hospital, is found in three bills:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1096\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1096_.htm) SB 1096,

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1097\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1097_.htm) SB 1097, and

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1708\\_.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sb1708_.htm) SB 1708.

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