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Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Second Special Session of 2019, was called to order at 10:12 a.m., by Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation, which was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

“Proclamation

November 4, 2019

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and at the written request of two-thirds of the members to which the Senate is entitled, do hereby convene the Senate in Special Session as sought in the petition at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the State Capitol Senate Chambers, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities established by Section 3, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

/s/ Ronald D. Kouchi
RONALD D. KOUCHI
President of the Senate”

The Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Chang, Dela Cruz, English, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran, Kouchi, Ruderman, and Wakai who were excused.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of KELSEY KAWANO as Judge of the State of Hawaii Second Circuit Court, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2) were read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of REBECCA A. COPELAND to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 2, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of ALVIN K. NISHIMURA to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this time, Senator Rhoads announced that the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 016.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. No. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive standing committee reports on Gov. Msg. Nos. 1 and Jud. Com. Nos. 1 and 2. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 10:17 a.m., the Senate took the following actions:

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of KELSEY KAWANO as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 and Gov. Msg. No. 1 was deferred until Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of REBECCA A. COPELAND to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of ALVIN K. NISHIMURA to the District Family Court of the First Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 2.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 and Jud. Com. No. 2 was deferred until Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2019.