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The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Special Session of 2022, was called to order at 11:03 a.m., by Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation, which was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

“Proclamation

June 16, 2022

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, 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 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, 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 Hawai'i.

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

The Roll was then called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Chang, Ihara, Keith-Agaran, Kim, and San Buenaventura who were excused.

At this time, Senator Kidani introduced Nikki-Ann Yee, her son Max Raba, her sister Jamie-Lee Kapana, and Dustin and Aidan Hirayama, who were present in the gallery. Senator Kidani noted that Ms. Yee and Ms. Kapana were two of the three sisters who had founded the Ma'i Movement and helped advocate for Senate Bill 2821, which required menstrual products be provided free of charge at all Hawai'i public schools. Senator Kidani then recognized 'Ilima Intermediate School students and their teachers, Sarah Milianta-Laffin and Elizabeth Baker, who were also seated in the gallery. Senator Kidani explained that the governor had signed S.B. No. 2821 into law that morning. Senator Kidani thanked the group for their hard work and noted that the students had worked with the Ma'i Movement team and learned a lot about the Legislature and government in action.

Senator Misalucha introduced students from Pearl City High School who were there to observe democracy in action. Present in the gallery were Jenna Hickman, student body president for 2021–2022; Keziah Mae Tuazon, incoming student body president; Eliana Mafi, class president; and Brian Ngo, student body vice president.

The Chair commented that he was asked if his lei had been left over from Father's Day and that he had been across the street at Washington Place as a non-bleeding ally of the Ma'i Movement. The Chair extended his thanks for the beautiful lei from that morning's ceremony.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of JILL M. HASEGAWA to the District Family Court of the Third 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 JOANNA E. SOKOLOW to the District Family Court of the Third Circuit, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 3, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of GREGORY H. MEYERS to the District Court of the Fifth 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 Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3 at 11:30 a.m. in Conference Room 016.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file standing committee reports on Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive standing committee reports on Jud. Com. Nos. 1 to 3. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 11:10 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 GREGORY H. MEYERS as Judge of the District Court of the Fifth Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 3.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 and Jud. Com. No. 3 was deferred until Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of JOANNA E. SOKOLOW as Judge of the District Family Court of the Third Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 2.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2 and Jud. Com. No. 2 was deferred until Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that the Senate consent to the appointment of JILL M. HASEGAWA as Judge

of the District Family Court of the Third Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2022.