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The Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Second Special Session of 2022, was called to order at 10:01 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

August 17, 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 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022, in the State Capitol Auditorium, 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 Senator Kouchi who was excused.

At this time, Senator Gabbard introduced a visiting group from Classical Conversations of ‘Ewa Beach, a Christian organization. Senator Gabbard noted that this community met at ‘Ewa Beach and that there were 17 other local communities on O‘ahu. Senator Gabbard added that their goal was to know our God and to make him known and that they were thriving to train future Christian leaders. Present in the audience were eighth-grade students Michi Camarata, Ezekiel Furumizo, Auriel Pascua Peralto, Thaddaeus Park, Zachariah Gayer, and Makena Place, and chaperones Miho Camarata, Annette Kealoha Park, Jamie Place, and Reggie Castanares.

Senator Chang introduced the Fricke family, visiting from Berlin, Germany, who were seated in the audience: Ben, Angela, and Wolfram Fricke. Senator Chang explained that they were in Hawai‘i celebrating Wolfram’s retirement from a long career in public service in his native Germany. Accompanying the Fricke family was Senator Chang’s office manager, Lynn Robinson-Onderko.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

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

Jud. Com. No. 1, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Second Circuit, the appointment of ANNALISA M. BERNARD, for a term of six years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Jud. Com. No. 2, letter dated August 17, 2022, correcting the name of the nominee under Jud. Com. No. 1 (name amended to ANNALISA M. BERNARD LEE), was placed on file.

At this time, Senator Rhoads announced that the Committee on Judiciary would be holding a decision-making meeting on Jud. Com. No. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 229.

The Chair then made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file the standing committee report on Jud. Com. No. 1 is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.”

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

On motion by Senator DeCoite, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried unanimously, the Clerk was authorized to receive the standing committee report on Jud. Com. No. 1. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 10:07 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 ANNALISA M. BERNARD LEE as Judge of the District Court of the Second Circuit, in accordance with Jud. Com. No. 1.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1 and Jud. Com. No. 1 was deferred until Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2022.