THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Monday, March 20, 2006

The Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, convened at 11:40 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Honorable Fred Hemmings, Hawaii State Senate, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Ihara, Inouye, Kanno and Menor who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Third Day.

At 11:50 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:54 o'clock a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 310 to 312) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 310, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, the nomination of ROLAND QUOK FONG THOM, term to expire June 30, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 311, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, the nomination of DAVID ALEXANDER PENDLETON, term to expire June 30, 2016, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Gov. Msg. No. 312, letter dated March 17, 2006, as provided in Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, requesting the immediate consideration and passage of H.B. No. 970, Relating to Emergency Relief for Natural Disasters, to appropriate emergency funding totaling $14,334,000, including $11,134,000 in state funds and $3,200,000 in federal funds, was placed on file.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 352 and 353) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

Hse. Com. No. 352, transmitting H.C.R. No. 46, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 17, 2006, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 46, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT (NCLB) BY INCREASING FUNDS FOR FEDERAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND AFFORDING MORE FLEXIBILITY TO STATES IN RELATION TO NCLB," was deferred until Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

Hse. Com. No. 353, transmitting H.C.R. No. 47, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 17, 2006, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on H.C.R. No. 47, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE NATION'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING EDUCATION FUNDING," was deferred until Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2968) recommending that H.B. No. 3139, H.D. 3, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 3139, H.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2969), recommending that H.B. No. 487, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 487, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Inouye and Baker, for the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations and the Committee on Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2970) recommending that H.B. No. 3087, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 3087, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Inouye and Baker, for the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations and the Committee on Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2971) recommending that H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 3123, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2972) recommending that H.B. No. 3126 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No.

3126, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAPID IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006.