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Special Session to Override Governor's Vetoes Only the second time in State history!

Legislators gathered in a one-day special session on July 8, 2003 to override Governor Lingle's vetoes. Upon receiving official notification of the fifty vetoed bills from the Governor and a statement justifying her decision, the legislature determined a number of the vetoes to be immediately detrimental with a devastating effect on the people. Legislative leaders, including Senator English, gathered in caucus to discuss strategies that would focus only on those measures of urgent and compelling public interest. This issue-focused approach proved effective to remove partisanship and resulted in the override for these six bills:

Bills Overridden:

Senate Bill (SB) 255: Prohibiting unnecessary restrictions on agricultural properties. Voids all private restrictions on agricultural activities that are not tied to protecting environmental and cultural resources.

SB 317: Fiftieth anniversary of the Korean War Commission. Appropriates \$30,000 in state general money to allow the Fiftieth Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War Commission to complete its activities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War.

SB 745: Air ambulance helicopters. Appropriates \$1 Million for an air ambulance helicopter for Maui County and for integration of ground ambulance services with emergency services.

SB 768: Restoring collective bargaining for Hawai`i Government Employees Association. Restores binding arbitration in labor disputes involving public workers.

SB 1305: Assigning Rainy Day Fund monies to health and social service programs. Appropriates more than \$10 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for various programs.

House Bill 282: Reimbursing the state auditor. Requires state agencies to reimburse the legislative auditor for the cost of financial audits conducted by or contracted by the auditor.

Access the full list of vetoed bills and the Governor's messages by clicking the following link or visit:
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/lists/vetoed_list.asp?press1=docs

- ❖ After participating in meetings to plan the special session, Senator English was excused from attending due to his official participation in a special fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Read section, **Live and Learn – Senator English – Chosen Leader for Harvard** on Page 3 for more information.

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Environmental Victory! Watershed Restoration for Leeward Haleakala

It was a historic moment for Hawai'i's environment and future generations when landowners and supporting agencies signed a Memorandum of Understanding in commitment to native watershed forest restoration. Representing over forty thousand (40,000) acres of land on Haleakala from Makawao to 'Ulupalakua and all the way to Kaupo above the 3,500 feet elevation, the James Campbell Estate, Haleakala National Park, Haleakala Ranch, Kaonoulu Ranch, Living Indigenous



Senator English with Art Medieros

Forest Ecosystems, Nu'u Mauka Ranch, State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, State of Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 'Ulupalakua Ranch, United States Geological Survey (USGS) and John Zwaanstra united in stewardship to work with the partnership coordinator, USGS biologist **Art Medieros** and his team in restoring the leeward Haleakala watershed.

Once this area supported thriving native ecosystems with strong strands of Koa trees and has proven to be prime territory for reforestation success. The potential value of rehabilitation for these upland forests is priceless. Major benefits include enhancement of biological diversity, survival of native species, regulation of the hydrologic cycle as well as economic and cultural benefits.

Conservation has a lifecycle that affects all of Hawai'i's population and reaches to future generations. The formation of the **Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership** is a dramatic expression of an organized community determined to safeguard natural heritage and ensure environmental protection.

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Grand Opening Moloka'i Slaughterhouse

After a long and difficult task to find funding, the opening of Moloka'i's new slaughterhouse facility gave plenty of reason to celebrate. Determined efforts by Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative, the State and Maui County, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, USDA Natural Resources Conservation, Moloka'i Agriculture Development Program, US Department of Labor-Moloka'i Rural Development Project, UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources as well as many others secured the planning, design and construction funds. For local Governments, both State and County, then Councilmember and now Senator, J.Kalani English played an important leadership role.

The decimation of the Moloka'i cattle industry in 1987, due to State and Federal improved safety and health standards, was the primary influence on a group of Moloka'i ranchers to form the Moloka'i Livestock Cooperative. With the intent to build a new slaughter facility that promoted good health and disease prevention, the group dedicated years to lobbying the State Legislature, gathering allies, supporters, volunteers and funding. Their hard work finally paid off with the Grand Opening of the Moloka'i Slaughterhouse on June 7, 2003.

Live and Learn – Senator English - Chosen Leader for Harvard

A few leaders in the world are selected each year to participate in an intensive education program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. For 2003's Summer program for Senior Executives, Senator J. Kalani English was invited to participate. "I'm always striving to be a more effective and influential leader for my constituents on Maui, Moloka'i and Lana'i," said Senator English. "This opportunity to gain perspective and knowledge for Hawai'i and to learn new ideas and innovative techniques to aid in decision making is really once in a lifetime," Senator English explained as he accepted this opportunity to attend the intensive Harvard program for Senior Executives from July 6 – 25, 2003 on Harvard's campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "I will represent Hawai'i well and bring knowledge to benefit all of us back home," promised Senator English.

Impressive Talent at Makawao Elementary School

Students from Makawao Elementary School delivered a stunning performance for their May Day celebration! It was a privilege to see the grand display of talented youth as they danced hula, sang, played ukulele, danced with puili and chanted to create the wonderful performance.



Above: Senator English with Makawao Elementary School Principle
Right: Students from Makawao Elementary School



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Kupuna Gathering in Hana



A beautiful day in Hana was a welcome for the gathering of kupuna at the Hale Hana Akuele Hui. After a long day of travelling, the kupuna from the Waikiki Community Health Center were excited to visit, share lunch and 'talk story' with kupuna from the Hale Hulu Mamo: Hana Kupuna Center, which Senator English was instrumental in founding.



Senator English visits with kupuna Eddie and Beverly Pu

The event, which was organized by Malia Henderson, of the Hale Hulu Mamo and a number of volunteers, was a great opportunity for Senator English to visit with kupuna and inform them of the 2003 Legislative events as well as answer questions and receive comments. A lively conversation occurred concerning Hana infrastructure and rural issues. He was happy to attend and extends his warmest regards for the invitation.

Hana Athletes Awarded for Skills

A special awards ceremony in Hana recognized the skills and talents of local athletes from the Hana High School. The Hana Athletic Awards Ceremony held on May 30, 2003, was a memorable evening honoring the abundance of gifted athletes in Hana. Joining in the event at the old Hana School, Senator English was pleasantly proud of the number and fine quality of Hana athletes and awarded each of the High School graduating athletes a Senate Certificate recognizing their strength, ability and onipa'a to excel in their education and complete High School while diligently training to compete so well in their sport.



Senator English Awards Hana Athlete
Senate Certificate of Recognition

High School Graduation

Congratulations to Graduates in my District!

**Hana High School
Lana`i High School
Moloka`i High School
King Kekaulike High School**

At this extraordinary time in your lives, I commend your determination to succeed. Graduating from High School is an achievement which you should be proud to have obtained. Before you are a multitude of choices and opportunities and I encourage you to listen to your heart, follow your dreams and strive to be the best you can be. The future is yours to create, enjoy the process and may all your achievements be attained to turn your dreams into reality. Thank you for the invitations to the graduation ceremonies, I was proud to celebrate with you.

Honoring Swiss Ambassador



Senator English with Swiss Ambassador

To celebrate the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the first Swiss Citizen, Johann Waber in Hawai`i, the **Ambassador of Switzerland, Christian Blickenstorfer** and his wife came to O`ahu in early June 2003. A reception in their honor was held at the Sheraton Moana Surfider in Waikiki with the Royal Order of Kamehameha present, as well as the Consul of Switzerland in Honolulu Niklaus Schweizer and the Consul General of Switzerland in San Francisco Roland Quillet. Beautiful music including the American, Swiss and Hawaiian Anthems were played by The Royal Hawaiian Band. "The Swiss have always honored and supported the people of Hawai`i and for that I offer my personal gratitude and welcome" said Senator English during his presentation of a Senate Certificate to the Ambassador.