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Senator English's guests on opening day of the Legislature. From left to right in the front row: Luis Zajac. Second row Corrine Chun-Fujimoto, Helen Nelsen, Patti Chevalier, James Oneha, Senator English, Venerable Lama Rinchen, and Tweetie Lind. Back row from left to right: Sean McLaughlin, Frank Zajac, Margaret Oneha, John Lind and Mike Pokipala.



Members of the HGEA Retirees, Maui Chapter join Senator English in his office on opening day. From left to right: Alvin Soares, Masami Hironaka, Senator English and Richardo Medina.

Maui Senate Delegation Working Together



The Maui Delegation from left to right: Senator Baker, Senator Tsutusi and Senator English introducing important Legislation for our County.

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A New Year's Resolution U.S. Citizens Obtain Your Passports in 2004

Why? Because it is the best form of identification you can have. And in today's world, your passport also verifies your citizenship and allows you to travel freely to other parts of the world.

Application forms may be obtained at the Kahului Post Office, Kaunakakai Post Office, Lahaina Main Post Office, Lana'i City Post Office, Makawao Post Office and Maui Community College. You can also get the application at www.iafdb.travel.state.gov or call the U. S. Post Office at 1-800-275-8777.

Hours of passport application acceptance are normally between 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. After applying at a passport acceptance facility, you will receive your passport within six weeks. If you are applying for an U.S. passport for the first time you must apply in person, and you will need proof of U.S. citizenship such as your birth certificate. You must also provide two color or black and white, full face, framed from 1 inch below the chin, plain background 2 X 2 inch identical photos taken within 6 months. Some application centers will take a digital photo of you as well. Fees for age 16 and over are \$85. For those under 16 the fee is \$70. I encourage everyone to get this valuable piece of identification. It is the best way to prove your U.S. citizenship and is valid for nine years.



Members of ILWU Local 142 Maui Division stop by to support Senator English. From left to right: Felisa Asuncion, Fely Corpuz, Ruby Yoshisato, Senator English, Howard Takemoto, Joe Adzunra and William Kennison.



**Frank and Luis Zajac
of Ha'iku, Maui
Accept Senate Proclamation**

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Senator English signs a Proclamation recognizing Luis Zajac's leadership qualities and his desire to help other children in his school and community in Ha'iku, Maui.

Overcoming physical challenges, Luis has never missed a single day of school. He is a tenacious tennis player and has already achieved the rank of brown belt in the martial art of karate.

2004 Legislative Timetable

January

21st Opening Day
23rd Bill package cutoff
26th State of the State Address
27th Recess
28th Bill into cutoff
29th Recess
30th Grant subsidies cutoff

February

16th President's Day

March

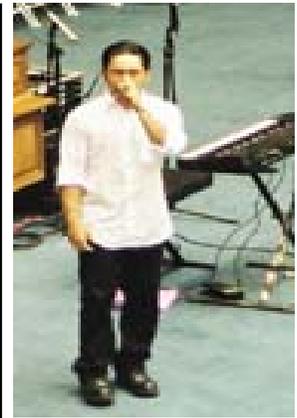
8th Recess
9th Budget Decking
10th Recess
11th First Crossover
16th Majority Five Day Recess
26th Kuhio Day

April

8th Second Decking
9th Good Friday
12th Recess
14th Recess
15th Second Crossover
20th Recess

May

4th Recess
5th Recess
6th Adjournment



**Darrell Labrado
of Moloka'i Wins
Over the Senate on
Opening Day**

I was thrilled to showcase Darrell on the opening day of the legislature. His energy and enthusiasm, along with his talent brought the house down. Congratulations to Darrell as he launches his career in music.



Senator English explains today's issues for tomorrow's leaders with a student from Kamaile Elementary School.



Ready to Serve You — Our Staff
front row from left to right: Jennifer, and Libby
back row from left to right: Beth, Chris and Michele

Jennifer Chow, *Committee Clerk*

Jennifer comes to us with a B.A. in History from U.C. Santa Cruz and a background in art, education, and customer service. She was born and raised on O'ahu and is excited about working for the Legislature this session.

Libby Kimball, *Receptionist*

Libby was born and raised on Moloka'i and comes to us with a delightful personality and six years of experience at the Capitol. Her expertise in management came from being a former Supervisor and Receptionist, as well as a Master of Ceremonies.

Chris Martelles, *Political Analyst*

Chris received his degree in Political Science from U.H. emphasizing environmental politics. He joins our collaborative team for his third year at the Capitol. He has a strong commitment for preserving and restoring Hawai'i's environment and has contributed to reforestation projects on his home island of Maui.

Elsbeth (Beth) Mckeen, *Office Manager*

As a lawyer, scholar and teacher, Beth as an abundance of knowledge and a great work ethic. As she was raised and educated on O'ahu and lived for twenty years on the Big Island, she is familiar with Hawai'i's history, culture, traditions and language.

Michele Van Hessen, *Legislative Aide*

With a Master of Public Administration, a paralegal certificate, a professional video director, writer and photographer, and completing a Master of Communication in December, her interests included alternative energy sources and the environment.

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Senator English Walks the Muddy and Perilous Three-Mile Trail to the Kalaupapa Settlement for a Board Meeting



“ All the flights were full and even the mules were booked.” Said Senator English.

Very early on Saturday morning, January 17th, just a few days before the opening of the 2004 Legislative session, the Senator, determined to serve his constituents, set out on foot with his political analyst, Chris Martelles, to visit the remote settlement of Kalaupapa on the northern shore of Moloka'i.

It was very important to me to attend the Board meeting for Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Kalaupapa community by assuring that all Hansen's Disease patients are remembered and honored in the future.

The people and place of Kalaupapa remind me of everything that is best about these islands I call home, and I am pleased that I can be of service even if it means hiking the cliffs.

Leading to Reflect
Today's and Tomorrow's Vision

My Reflections on “Old Glory”



The American flag flies outside my window at the Hawai'i State Senate. As I sat with the research analyst for the Governor, I noticed this powerful symbol of our heritage was tattered and faded. After the meeting, I made several phone calls to have this flag of the United States replaced. This symbol reaffirms the transcendence of America's support for our troops overseas.

Now a new flag of the United States flies outside at the Hawaii State Capitol. As I reflect from my Senate office upon its splendor, its patriotic colors are once again bright and powerful. That new flag serves as an appropriate reminder of America's future and our debt of honor to the brave souls who put service above self.

The Governor Joins Senator English and Representative Kaho'ohalahala In Blessing the Manele Small Boat Harbor

I attended the blessing of the new Manele Small Boat Harbor launching ramp on October 28, 2003. Organization of the project brought together local citizens, the Manele Boat Harbor Advisory Committee, State Government, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), which was instrumental in securing roughly 25 percent of the needed funds.

It was a pleasure working closely and successfully with a Lana'i community focused and dedicated to seeing this project become a reality. The new Manele boat ramp has been a top priority for the growing local boating community, and will serve an integral role in future ventures that will rely on the harbor as a primary means of travel, business, and leisure.

The new ramp was moved fifteen feet inland from where the old ramp stood and was extended from sixty to eighty feet. The area directly in front of the ramp was dredged to provide the room and depth required for the safe launching of many types of small watercraft.



Senate Ways and Means Committee Gets a Briefing on the Hana Wharf and Other Regional Issues



I led a delegation of Ways and Means Committee members to Hana on November 4, 2003. We conducted a briefing on issues important to the Hana region. This is the first time a legislative money committee has visited the Hana community.

I was honored to host the Ways and Means Committee on a visit to my home. Hana has many important issues that are unique to our location and way of life.