

THIRD DAY**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

The Senate of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Special Session of 2017, convened at 9:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Second Day.

At this time, Senator Baker introduced members of the Maui County Council, who were present in the gallery: the Honorable Stacy Crivello, councilmember representing Moloka'i; the Honorable Riki Hokama, councilmember representing Lāna'i; and the Honorable Mike White, council chair representing Maui.

Senator Inouye recognized the Honorable Valerie Poindexter, chair of the Hawai'i County Council, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Kahele introduced Doug Shinsato, nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, who was accompanied in the gallery by Dr. Amy Agbayani.

On behalf of Senate President Kouchi, Senator Kahele also introduced the Honorable Mel Rapozo, chair of the Kaua'i County Council, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Ihara noted that Lisa Maruyama, who had offered a moment of contemplation earlier that morning, is the president and chief executive officer of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES GRIFFIN to the Public Utilities Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 3.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 4 and Gov. Msg. No. 3 was deferred until Thursday, August 31, 2017.

ORDER OF THE DAY**THIRD READING**

S.B. No. 2:

On motion by Senator Tokuda, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, S.B. No. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 3:

On motion by Senator Tokuda, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, S.B. No. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 4:

Senator Dela Cruz moved that S.B. No. 4, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran.

Senator Green rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Riviere rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Dela Cruz rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Dela Cruz's remarks read as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Espero rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Ruderman rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Thielen rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Ruderman rose to request a Roll Call vote, and the Chair so ordered.

Senator Tokuda rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Harimoto rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Green interjected:

[REMARKS]

The Chair directed Senator Harimoto to proceed with his remarks.

Senator Harimoto continued:

[REMARKS]

At this time, the Chair stated:

[REMARKS]

Senator Rhoads rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Rhoads's remarks read as follows:

[REMARKS]

Senator Green rose to speak in rebuttal as follows:

[REMARKS]

The motion was then put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 4, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," having been read throughout and Roll Call

vote having been requested, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 16. Noes, 9 (Baker, English, Green, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Riviere, Ruderman, Thielen). Excused, none.

The Chair then thanked the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means and his staff for their hard work and commitment. The Chair noted that contrary to what had been said, he appreciated how the committee laid out various scenarios in great detail, which had been made available to the public over a month ago. The Chair also thanked colleagues in the House of Representatives for being willing to come back to the table to find a middle ground after the way the Regular Session had ended, as well as the director of budget and finance and others in the administration for assisting both chambers in gathering numbers and information for the members so they could cast their votes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:44 a.m., on motion by Senator Espero, seconded by Senator English and carried, the Senate adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017.