

of Hawaii before teaching math, music, social studies, and serving as a principal.

He would later transition into State government as a director of the Hawaii Office of Economic Opportunity, focusing on policies and programs to help alleviate poverty.

Senator Akaka's distinguished service and congressional contributions are numerous and distinguished. He embodied the aloha spirit, and his kindness and empathy is his greatest legacy.

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to articulate how much he means to the people of Hawaii. Senator Akaka represented everything that is and could be good in all of us. He saw the best in everyone and never had a bad word to say about anyone. If you were fortunate to meet him, as I was humbled to do so on many occasions, you walked away feeling better about yourself and the world. Your spirit refreshed and refocused.

He preached that kindness and aloha must never be sacrificed to get things done. We do not need to emulate the aggressive brinksmanship and bullying that too often define our policy debates here. Senator Akaka embraced bipartisanship and knew that, if we could empathize with those we disagreed with, we were that much closer to a compromise.

Toward the end of his service in the Senate, he remarked: "I feel that since I came here, one of the things I've tried to do—and done it as much as I can—was to bring about a feeling here of a spirit that comes from Hawaii, that we call aloha spirit, because it opens things up, it cuts down fences, it helps people to feel the need to work with each other."

Whenever deciding how to vote, it wasn't about looking to the left or looking to the right, but what was inside his heart. He recalled many instances in which he disagreed or voted differently than his friends, but he never let a policy difference impact that friendship.

Always a schoolteacher, he was a stickler for grammar and punctuation. Senator Akaka mentored generations of public servants. In every office of the Hawaii delegation, you will find the Senator's staff carrying on his mission. One of his former legislative assistants is now my colleague in the House, who spoke earlier, Congresswoman TULSI GABBARD.

My legislative director, Elizabeth Songvilay, and military legislative assistant, Dan Kouchi, were fortunate to work for the Senator.

Liz shared a story, one of many that live on, about how the Senator and Auntie Millie managed the annual Senate ice cream reception. They insisted that the entire office, including committee staff, go with them into the Senator's-only section, where Members and their immediate family were served with no lines. Auntie Millie would walk in and tell everyone the

staff was her and the Senator's grandkids.

He maintained one of the most diverse offices on the Hill, which usually included people of all races who definitely did not look like they were related to the Akakas. That was the Senator, always generous and striving for equality. There was no special line for Senators. He considered that everyone he ever worked for was his partner and equal.

Mr. Speaker, I will forever be grateful for what Senator Akaka meant to me as a friend and mentor. I was humbled and honored to have his support. I urge my colleagues to honor the Senator's legacy by committing to bipartisan leadership and civil discourse but, more importantly, by living with aloha.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Akaka was known to break into song at special occasions, and his favorite song was called the "Hawaiian Lullaby," words by Hector Venegas and Peter Moon, music by Peter Moon. These are the words, and they epitomize him:

Where I live, there are rainbows,
With life in the laughter of morning and
starry nights.

Where I live, there are rainbows,
And flowers full of colors and birds filled
with song.

I can smile when it's raining,
And touch the warmth of the Sun.

I hear children laughing in this place that I
love.

Where I live, there are rainbows,
With life and the laughter of morning and
starry nights.

Mr. Speaker, that is Senator Akaka.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Hawaii?

There was no objection.

Ms. HANABUSA. I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 16, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXII, the following Member executed the oath for access to classified information:

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4522. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Restructuring of Regulations on the Importation of Plants for Planting [Docket No.: APHIS-2008-0011] (RIN: 0579-AD75) received March 21, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4523. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Fresh Cherimoya Fruit From Chile Into the United States [Docket No.: APHIS-2015-0015] (RIN: 0579-AE13) received March 29, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4524. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense, transmitting a description of the activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools during fiscal year 2017, pursuant to 32 U.S.C. 112 note; Public Law 109-469, Sec. 901(g) (as amended by Public Law 114-328, div. A, title X, Sec. 1012) (130 Stat. 2385); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4525. A letter from the Director, Defense Pricing/Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Amendment to Mentor-Protégé Program (DFARS Case 2016-D011) [Docket No.: DARS-2016-0033] (RIN: 0750-AJ05) received March 21, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4526. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Post Courts-Martial Actions in the Case of the 1944 Port Chicago Explosion, as directed by House Report 114-537, page 153, accompanying H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4527. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 106-569; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4528. A letter from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Mortgage Servicing Rules Under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2017-0030] (RIN: 3170-AA75) received March 23, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4529. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Jefferson Parish, LA, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2018-0002; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8515] received March 28, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4530. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Alternatives to References to Credit Ratings With Respect to Permissible Activities for Foreign Branches of Insured State Nonmember Banks and Pledge of Assets by Insured Domestic Branches of Foreign Banks (RIN: 3064-AE36) received March 14, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110