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FROM THE EDITORS

With a new administration and many new colleagues throughout the legislature, the 2011 Legislative Session promises many changes. Our next newsletter will follow the Opening Day Ceremony at the Hawaii State Capitol as we continue with the 11th Volume of Senator English's 11th year serving the people of Maui County in the Hawaii State Senate.

In this issue, we update you on Senator English's activities before the arrival the 2011 new year and highlight some of Senator's influential meetings and conferences across the Pacific.

Aloha, Lauraine, Alan, and Sharon

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou



Sen. English addressed a gathering at American Institute in Taiwan - the equivalent to a U.S. Embassy. Dec. 15, 2010.

A delegation of seven Hawaii State Senators, led by Sen. English, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, were invited by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to spend a week in Taiwan to attend a series of meetings, tours and conferences, that focused on international relations, trade, energy and tourism.

The trip offered a rare opportunity to understand the relationship between China and Taiwan. This visit was viewed as goodwill

trip in which Hawaii Senators had the opportunity to interact with their counterparts in the Taiwan government, observe private sector projects and facilities and learn from their best practices. One example: Taiwan leads the world in coral reef restoration with a technology that Hawaii could apply to beach restoration, protecting our tourism industry and our environment.

The Hawaii State Senate Delegation consisted of Senators, J. Kalani English, Will Espero, Clarence Nishihara, Mike Gabbard, Michelle Kidani, Glenn Wakai and Pohai Ryan.

They visited and met with representatives from the Tourism Bureau of Taiwan, The Ministry of Transportation, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Council of Indigenous People, the Bureau of Energy and The Ministry of Economic Affairs. The Senators also visited the State of Hawaii Office in Taiwan and the American Institute in Taiwan.



Sen. English at the wheel of the new 2011 Luxgen7 SUV hybrid. Senators Nishihara and Wakai in the back seat. Dec. 20, 2010.



Left to right: Senators, Mike Gabbard, Will Espero, Pohai Ryan, J. Kalani English, Clarence Nishihara, Michelle Kidani and Glenn Wakai at Chiang-Kai-Shek's Memorial Hall. Dec. 17, 2010.

SENATOR ENGLISH'S REMARKS UPON RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA AWARD

"I am deeply honored to have been chosen for this distinction. The health and wellbeing of the people in my district has always been one of my greatest priorities.

I am pleased that we were able to continue funding the adult mental health staff positions and preserve the significant role that the Moloka'i Clubhouse day program and drop-in center maintains in providing mental health services to the Moloka'i community.

In our own state, especially in the rural areas, effective action to address our community's healthcare needs relies on action at the local level. Moloka'i is a special place, closely knit and interdependent and I cannot emphasize enough how vital it is to preserve the unique spirit and aloha the programs of the Moloka'i Clubhouse provide to the greater Moloka'i community.

My thanks go out to the Maui County Branch of Mental Health America, the Maui United Way and to all the organizers and participants at this gathering for this prestigious award. I commend your continued dedication in serving those in need within our rural communities. Please accept my aloha and best wishes to all on this momentous occasion and continued success in all future endeavors."

For more information visit: <http://www.mentalhealth-hi.org/MHAMaui>

"We are drawn to the ocean for strength and sustenance, and it is a vital part of living a life that calls equally upon the mountains above and the waters that surround our islands."

SENATOR ENGLISH AT THE HANA BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) broke ground on Dec. 23rd, beginning a \$3.8 million project to replace the existing boat ramp and inner rock revetment, install new security lighting; and construct a new aluminum loading dock and accessible ramp/walkway next to the boat ramp. DLNR is working with the State Department of Transportation to fund additional improvements to stabilize the approach to the Hana Wharf.

Boaters, members of the community, and Sen. English attended the ground breaking. DLNR and contractors were available after the ceremony to provide a project update, additional information and to address community concerns.

The following is Sen. English's address to the gathering: "In our Hawaiian culture, there is an undeniable link between land and sea. We are drawn to the ocean for strength and sustenance, and it is a vital part of living a life that calls equally upon the mountains above and the waters that surround our islands.

This project represents a reconnect of those ties. Where some see a recreational facility, I see the means to once again give our Hana community access to all the ocean has to offer. For some in our community, it provides a means to feed their families.

Looking at the project more broadly, I also want to acknowledge how important capital improvement projects like this mean to supporting and advancing our state's economy. Our continued attention to infrastructure not only ensures the safety of the community, but provides jobs that help our ongoing economic recovery. So today we're celebrating a double benefit, and one that will continue to support Hana and our community for years to come.

Again, I want to thank William Aila and the DLNR for keeping their focus on what means most to our state and our community. I look forward to working with them more in the future, and celebrating many more days like today."



Sen. English gives special thanks to the DLNR for moving this long-needed infrastructure improvement project forward. Hana, Dec. 23, 2010.



Left to right: Miles Lopes, Harbor Agent; Curtis Powers, DLNR Maui Engineer; Stacy Masuda, Harbor Agent; Randy Stevens, Contractor; Jeff Francis, Contractor; Senator English; Nick Giaconi, DOBOR Maui District Manager and Council Member-Elect Bob Caroll. Hana, Dec. 23, 2010.

SECURING THE MARITIME COMMONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Senator English and government officials from across the Pacific gathered in Honolulu to attend the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, "Maritime Security in the Pacific Region: Securing the Maritime Commons for the 21st Century" 2010 workshop. Delegates from 17 Countries including the U.S. focused on the challenges, opportunities and improvements that can be made for the security of Maritime Commons throughout the Pacific region.



Diplomats, maritime, security and public officials from across the Pacific at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, "Maritime Security in the Pacific Island Region: Securing the Maritime Commons for the 21st Century" workshop. Waikiki, Sept. 14, 2010.

Naturally, the details of this three day conference are confidential but for the attendees, it provided a rare opportunity to learn about the common and unique problems shared by maritime security as well as the possible solutions. Attendees included Ambassador David Huebner, U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, Samoa and the Cook Is.; Ambassador C. Steven McGann, U.S. Ambassador to the Republics

of Fiji, Nauru, Kiribati, Tonga, and Tuvalu; Consuls from the Republic of Korea and Japan, military personnel from Australia and Papua New Guinea as well as police and government officials from various Pacific nations.

MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR FERRY SYSTEM, UTILITY AND PIER IMPROVEMENTS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

The following is Senator English's community address at the Ground Breaking Ceremony: "I want to add my thanks and congratulations to those of you who have diligently worked during the past few years to make this project a reality. For a long time now, the residents of Lana'i and Moloka'i have been traveling to Maui for work, recreation, to visit Ohana or to obtain life sustaining services and resources. The upgrade and modernization of the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor infrastructure and facilities will finally provide added comfort and safety to their journey.

This \$16 million project to replace the deteriorating wharf, the existing terminal building, repair the small loading dock, electrical utilities and comfort station is critical to meet the demands of a brighter economic future for Maui County. Upon completion, this modernization project will provide easier, more direct access and better transportation for residents and businesses along this intra-island corridor. Visitors will also benefit by enjoying a pleasant, comfortable and safe trip.

I would like to thank the federal government for providing the bulk of funding for this project through the Federal Transit Administration and my colleagues in the legislature for acknowledging the importance of this project and their commitment to providing jobs by investing in rebuilding our infrastructure.

I also can't ignore how much this project will mean to our community today by providing much-needed jobs during our state's economic downturn. These jobs will keep Maui workers on the job and keep Maui County families and visitors safe and comfortable."

SENATOR ENGLISH CONCLUDES APIL PRESIDENTIAL TERM

Serving as an advisor and the immediate past President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), Sen. English attended the APIL Board of Directors meeting earlier this month in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia. The 13 member country association discussed topics ranging from the effects of climate change, digital communications, health and sustainable financing.



Sen. English at the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures Board of Directors meeting. Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, Dec. 2, 2010.



Sen. English met with His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi, Head of State of Samoa at his residence. Apia, Samoa, Oct. 25, 2010.

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2010

2010 was another extraordinary year for Senator English. He has maintained his insistence on improving and modernizing his community and our state. The following are some brief highlights of his 2010 achievements:

- ▶ 5-1-1 "Go Akamai": a Statewide informational website and call center to update the public and reduce traffic congestion.
- ▶ Honouliuli Communications Cable: linking and providing high speed internet capability from the State of Hawaii to Tahiti, French Polynesia.
- ▶ Maui Food Bank: Sen.English raised \$1,100 specifically for the Maui Food Bank.
- ▶ Hakioawa Shelter and Kitchen on Kahoolawe: design and construction of a new hale and alternative energy infrastructure.
- ▶ Honoapi'ilani Highway Realignment Project: this long awaited and highly anticipated project is also known as the Lahaina Bypass.
- ▶ Lana'i High and Elementary School: site improvements for classroom buildings.
- ▶ Moloka'i Campus, Maui Community College: plans and land acquisition.
- ▶ Hana Highway: Huelo to Hana, Uakea Rd. to Keawa Pl., improving, upgrading and repairing roadways in Hana.

2011

Beginning with the next newsletter, Volume 11, I will be introducing a new segment illustrating some of my work over my last ten years in the Legislature. As a Senator, I have the rare privilege of guiding Hawaii in new and beneficial directions for a brighter tomorrow. This new addition to our newsletter enables me to highlight the landmark bills that have fundamentally changed Hawaii, our laws, and our perspectives. The bills below are examples of successful collaboration to create essential legislation initiating the State of Hawaii's move towards energy self-sufficiency.

"LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by Example" Energy Conservation Program:

HB 2175 HD2 SD2 CD1-Relating to Energy: Sets the framework for energy self-sufficiency by focusing on energy efficiency and renewable energy resource employment in state facilities, vehicles, and equipment as well as in the public schools and by means of priority permitting for renewable energy projects at the county level.

This measure is the culmination of two omnibus energy package bills, the other bill, **SB 2957 SD2 HD2 CD1** was introduced by Senator English and the contents of the two bills were severed then incorporated and implemented as **ACT 96**.

Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative:

SB 1202 SD2 HD2 CD1-Relating to Transportation Energy Vehicles: Begins transforming Hawaii's ground transportation sector to be less dependent on petroleum. It accounts for the unique needs and attributes of electric vehicles required for adoption and sets forth clear instructions where the government will lead by example in selecting alternative vehicles, and enables the use of Federal funds, if available, for transportation energy through the use of vehicle "transformation" grants.

This measure was introduced by Senator English in the 2009 regular session and became **ACT 156**, one of the four essential components of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative. The Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative sets up Statewide goals and a road map to achieve 70% clean energy by 2030 with 30% from efficiency measures, and 40% coming from locally generated renewable sources. Hawaii's clean energy goals are the most aggressive in the nation.