



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 26, 2008
1:00 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say *CSay*

RE: Extension of Conference Committee
Report Filing Deadline

In January of this year, the Senate President and I prepared an internal legislative timetable, setting April 25th as the last day to file fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading. A few weeks ago the President and I signed the Conference Committee Guidelines that provides, in paragraph 11(c) that all Conference Committee reports shall be filed by 11:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25th.

However, several measures were being negotiated throughout the evening on April 25th. Several Conference Committees, even though they had reached agreement on the substance of these measures, did not have the time to prepare and adequately review the reports and the final form of the Conference Drafts prior to the filing deadline.

Therefore, the President and I are exercising our powers under Rule 13 of the Conference Committee Guidelines, to make an exception to this deadline for the bills that were agreed to and voted upon in Conference Room 309. A list of these measures is available in the House Clerk's Office.

The President and I granted this exception to provide the Conference members with an opportunity to ensure that the Conference Committee reports and the Conference drafts reflect the agreements reached on Friday evening.

The President and I felt that since the Conferees had reached timely agreement on these bills, allowing these bills to die based on an internal procedural deadline for

filing paperwork with the Clerks' Offices, is not in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

For the bills agreed to and voted on, the Clerks of the respective Chambers shall accept Conference drafts between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 noon tomorrow Saturday, April 26th.

I wish to emphasize that previous Legislatures, when facing similar problems in past years, have followed the same procedure we will follow with these measures.