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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** ACADEMY NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

**date:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today announced his nominations to the four United States service academies. Selections were made on the basis of test scores, academic records, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and personal interviews.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY nominees are:

--Stanley K. F. Chung, of Iolani School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chung of Awanene Place in Kaneohe.

--Darren H. Hara, of Waiakea High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Hara of Manuku Lane in Hilo.

Their alternates are:

--Irving T. Higa, of Pearl City High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne M. Higa of Hoohulu Place, Pearl City.

--Reynold T. Hioki, of Kamehameha School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hioki of Puhawai Road, Waianae.

--Douglas B. Meyers, of Radford High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce M. Myers of Punihi Street, Honolulu.

--Walter T. Iwatake, of Aiea High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Iwatake of Nahele Street, Aiea.

--Gregory S. Matayoshi, of Kapaa High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Matayoshi of Kapaa, Kauai.

--Kenneth W. Bailey, of Moanalua High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Bailey, of Ala Amoamo Street in Honolulu.

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY nominees are:

--Janeen-Ann A. Olds, of Radford High School, the daughter of Lt. Col. William K. S. Olds of Papu Circle, Honolulu, and Mrs. Deanne Olds, of Koauka Loop, Aiea.

--Grady B. Wells, of Kamehameha School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady B. Wells, of Akimala Street, Kaneohe.

Alternates are:

--Kenneth K. Hayashi, of Moanalua High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hayashi, of Onipaa Street, Honolulu.

--Lee Alan Thompson, of Konawaena High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Holualoa.

--John P. Barcia, of Iolani School, son of Col. and Mrs. Peter J. Barcia, of Mahealani Place, Kailua.

--Deric K. Wong, a graduate of Kamehameha School now attending Oregon State University, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Wong, of Olokele Avenue, Honolulu.

--Richard B. Lorentzen, of Damien High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lorentzen, of Hanaloa Street, Ewa Beach.

--Richard W. Tilghman, of Punahou School, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor Tilghman of Kuukawa Street, Kailua.

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY nominees are:

--Charles C. Denman III, of Punahou School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Denman, Jr., of Hui Kelu Street, Kaneohe.

--Raymond Eblacas, Jr., of Waianae High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eblacas, of Pelanaki Street, Waianae.

Alternates are:

--John M. Huebner, a graduate of Damien High School now attending the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School, son of Commander and Mrs. Richard F. Huebner, of Kaonohi Street, Aiea.

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--Raymond M. Alfaro, of Mililani High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfredo Alfaro, of Kikiula Place, Mililani.

--Richard T. Eber, of Kailua High School, son of Captain and Mrs. Richard D. Eber, of Paako Street, Kailua.

--Andrew M. Rosa, of St. Louis High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Rosa, of Akumu Street, Kailua.

--John A. Van Cleave, a graduate of Hilo High School now in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Van Cleave.

--William P. Simonsen, a graduate of Mid-Pacific Institute now attending Chaminade University, the son of Mrs. Helen Simonsen of Iniki Place, Waianae.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY nominees are:

--Stanley K. Contrades, Kapaa High School, of Mamane Street, Kapaa, Kauai.

--Parker K. Mossman, Kamehameha School, of Kamakoi Road, Kaneohe.

--Edward V. Carbonell, Damien High School, of Kahuanani Place, Waipahu.

--Mark G. Fraser, Punahou High School, of Kupahu Street, Waialua.

--Richard B. DeLeon, Windward Community College, of Lohiehu Street, Kaneohe.

--Timothy K. Clark, Kamehameha School, of Kakaina Place, Waimanalo.

--Eric T. Sasaki, of Springfield, Virginia.

--Colin K. H. Ching, Kalani High School, of Kiholo Street, Honolulu.

--John P. Beauchemin, Mililani High School, of Kanamee Street, Mililani.

--Mark W. Delventhal, Leilehua High School, of Kaimanu Place, Waialua.

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**Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** POISON PROGRAM SAVED

**date:** FRIDAY, January 16, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye today that it will continue to fund a University of Hawaii program which has been actively working to protect Hawaii residents from pesticide poisoning.

The Hawaii Pesticides Health Assessment Project at the University was being considered for elimination as a money-saving move by the EPA.

Senator Inouye has expressed his strong support for the program to the Federal agency.

"The essential nature of the data collected and its direct effect on the health and well-being of Hawaii residents make the continuation of this project a matter of critical importance," he said.

The Hawaii program has recently been studying the possible health effects among Kunia residents of drinking well water contaminated by chemical fumicides in pineapple fields.

It has also been investigating pesticide poisonings and assisting local physicians in their diagnosis and treatment; producing an annual profile of pesticide use in Hawaii; researching the effects of pesticide use on human tissue; and studying Hawaii workers exposed to pesticides in their jobs, such as farmers, pest control operators and woodtreaters.

The pesticides program has been at the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1965, and has operated under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since 1972.

Funding in 1980 amounted to \$420,000 from the EPA; \$11,000 from the State Department of Health; and \$86,000 from the Del Monte Corporation.

The EPA today said it will continue support for the program, although there may be a reduction in Federal funding.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN EDUCATION PANEL APPOINTED

**date:** FRIDAY, January 16, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Education Secretary Shirley Hufstedler today informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye that she has appointed the members of the Native Hawaiian Education Study Commission.

Myron Thompson, a trustee of the Bishop Estate, which operates Kamehameha Schools, was appointed chairman of the commission.

The other six members are:

--Pauline King Joerger, a professor of history at the University of Hawaii.

--Harriette Joesting, a student at the University of Hawaii Law School and former staff member of the State Senate Majority office.

--Hamilton McCubbin, chairman of the Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota.

--Urie Bronfenbrenner, professor of human development and family studies at Cornell University.

--Donald Campbell, past president of the American Psychological Association; professor at the Maxwell Center, Syracuse University; and regular consultant to Kamehameha Schools.

--Harold Howe, vice president for education and public policy at the Ford Foundation; and former U.S. Commissioner of Education.

The appointments by Secretary Hufstedler were made after consultations with Governor George Ariyoshi, the Hawaii Congressional delegation and the State Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"The commissioners appointed by Secretary Hufstedler are of the highest stature in their communities. I am confident that their study and recommendations will be objective and responsive to the needs of the native Hawaiians," said Senator Inouye.

The commission will study the effectiveness of existing educational programs and recommend any additional assistance that may be needed. It is to report its findings by January 1983.

The commission was established under legislation sponsored by Senator Inouye and enacted by Congress in September, 1980. The measure authorizes \$500,000 for commission expenses.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** STATEMENT ON THE HOSTAGE AGREEMENT

**date:** MONDAY, January 19, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Like all Americans, I am extremely happy at the news of the agreement to release the 52 American hostages held in Iran.

I am most happy for their families, who have perhaps suffered the most in these past 443 days. We cannot fully appreciate the sentiments of these individuals, who have had to live with the uncertainty of their loved ones' health and welfare.

President Carter and his Administration should be commended for their work in achieving this agreement.

On this eve of President Ronald Reagan's inauguration, the impending release of the hostages has provided us with a national atmosphere of joy, unity and, most of all, a sense of hope.

I pray that President Reagan will be successful in continuing this national spirit, which is so necessary if we are to prevail in the difficult challenges ahead for our nation.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** JUDGE HEEN APPOINTED

**date:** MONDAY, January 19, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President Carter has re-nominated Federal Judge Walter M. Heen as U.S. District Court Judge for Hawaii.

Judge Heen now serves in that position on an interim basis for one year, unless the Senate confirms a permanent judge before then.

The re-nomination of Judge Heen on January 15 means that he is now pending before the Senate for confirmation, unless incoming President Ronald Reagan asks that his nomination be withdrawn.

"President Carter has recognized the need for a second Federal judge in Hawaii, to avoid the judicial problems and delays that would be created by a new vacancy.

"I continue to believe that Judge Heen would be an excellent Federal Judge for Hawaii, and I think he is demonstrating this as an interim appointee," Senator Inouye said.

Judge Heen was first nominated for the Federal judgeship by President Carter on February 26, 1980, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge Dick Yin Wong.

After the Senate adjourned without acting on the Heen confirmation, President Carter appointed Judge Heen on an interim basis on December 31, 1980.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** TOURISM BILL PASSED  
**date:** TUESDAY, January 27, 1981  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A bill establishing a U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration to promote overseas travel to America was introduced and quickly passed unanimously by the Senate.

The measure is identical to one authored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye and passed by Congress last year, but which was vetoed by President Carter.

"I have long believed that a stronger and more effective tourism promotion effort by the United States would result in tremendous economic benefits," said the Senator.

The measure was introduced by Senator Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), the chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Tourism and Trade. Senator Inouye was a co-sponsor of the bill.

The proposed agency would assume the responsibilities of the existing U.S. Travel Service in six months. It would be required to submit to Congress by April 1982 a comprehensive tourism development plan to implement the National Tourism Policy Act.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** NATIVE HAWAIIAN ALCOHOLISM NEEDS

**date:** WEDNESDAY, January 28, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A national commission examining alcohol problems, and efforts to combat them, has decided to include the needs of native Hawaiians in its study, in response to a request by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The National Commission on Alcoholism and Other Alcohol-Related Problems was established by legislation last year to undertake a comprehensive two-year study and submit its recommendations to Congress and the President.

It is to evaluate past and present alcohol programs, and recommend future activities and policies in alcoholism prevention, treatment and research.

At its first meeting, on December 8, the panel decided to add native Hawaiians to the list of special and disadvantaged groups whose needs will be evaluated.

"This decision reflects the need to consider native Hawaiians as a group which has serious economic, educational and health-related problems, although they are often overlooked by Federal programs intended to meet these needs," said Senator Inouye.

Senator Inouye has long been concerned with the growing national alcoholism problem, and has pointed out that Hawaii is ninth nationally in percapita consumption of alcohol. He has warned of the direct impact of alcohol on other serious problems, such as crime, suicides, motor vehicle accidents, and child and spouse abuse.

The commission will meet again next month to determine its study approach and methods, which may include field hearings and investigations.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** STATION DECLARED EXCESS

**date:** TUESDAY, March 3, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The former South Point Air Force Station on the Big Island will be declared as excess Federal property, for possible acquisition by the State of Hawaii. Senator Daniel K. Inouye was notified today of the decision by the Air Force.

The missile tracking station site consists of four buildings on 33 acres of land at the extreme southern tip of Hawaii.

The station was built in 1958 by the U.S. Navy for use as a telemetry receiving station assisting the tracking of missiles launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California and space launches from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The station ended regular operation in 1965 and was transferred to the Air Force for various temporary uses, ending in 1979.

Other armed services have declined the offer of the land from the Air Force, which will now turn the property over to the General Services Administration for disposal.

The State of Hawaii will have the first opportunity to obtain the land from the Federal government.

The cost of the land and improvements was estimated by the Air Force at \$505,000.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SUGAR PRICE SUPPORT ASKED

**date:** FRIDAY, March 6, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today asked the Senate Agriculture Committee to provide a minimum price support for sugar, by adding it to commodities covered by the Food and Agriculture Act.

"The United States is the only sugar-producing country in the world without an effective government support program that attempts to provide some reasonable protection against the instabilities of the world sugar market," he told a hearing today.

In times of international sugar shortages the American consumer faces skyrocketing prices, while world surpluses drive prices down and threaten domestic producers, said Senator Inouye. In the past 18 months, world sugar prices have ranged from 9¢ per pound to 45¢, he noted.

Hawaii produces 1.1 million tons of sugar a year, or about one-fifth of the nation's total. Nationally, the domestic sugar industry employs over 100,000 workers and contributes over \$10 billion annually to the gross national product.

Senator Inouye today was the first witness in an effort by producers to include sugar in the Food and Agriculture Act, which was enacted in 1977 and is being renewed this year.

Also testifying in support of the proposal today were Senator Spark Matsunaga and Robert Hughes, President of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association.

Senator Inouye told Senator Mark Andrews (R-N.D.), who presided at the hearing, that Cuba, as a leading sugar producer, could work with the Soviet Union to manipulate world sugar prices, imperiling American and other producers.

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"As recently as October 1980, rumors of huge Soviet purchases of sugar pushed the price of sugar on the New York futures market to a 5½-year record-high of 42.93¢ per pound," he said.

Following the hearing, Senator Inouye said he believes that there is a very good chance of obtaining Congressional approval of a minimum price support for sugar.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN CLAIMS PANEL

**date:** WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- I am deeply shocked and disappointed at the news media reports of the President's action regarding the Native Hawaiian Study Commission.

According to the legal sources that I have contacted, the President's actions appear to be of questionable legality. The Act provides that the President shall appoint the members but does not make any provision for their removal. I would hope that the White House gave this question considerable attention before taking its actions. I would also note that as a general rule, the dismissal of public servants must be based upon some cause. I would like to know--and I think the Commissioners deserve to know--the basis for their dismissal.

I am also concerned with the loss to this Commission of the services of three dedicated persons: George Chaplin, editor of THE HONOLULU ADVERTISER and authority on Hawaii's social, economic and political scene; Kuulei Palama Ihara, member of a distinguished Native Hawaiian family and long-time educator with the Bishop Museum; and Frenchy DeSoto, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a leader of the new Hawaiian "renaissance movement."

I know that they had already begun their work as Commissioners, and I for one am very grateful for their services. I only hope that their successors will be as qualified and enthusiastic.

In the past, Congressional members have usually been notified of such Presidential actions by the President or his staff. In this case, I and the Commission members learned of this decision from the news media. For many years now, I have been a prime sponsor of legislation to address the Native Claims issue. Recent reports in news magazines show that my interest in this Commission was well-known by the White House, and by the President himself. To date, we have not received any official notification from the White House of this action.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:**

NATIVE HAWAIIANS STUDY COMMISSION  
STATEMENT BY U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

**date:**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1981

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OHA RALLY, MARCH 17, 1981 5:00 PM

WASHINGTON, D.C.---Like all of you, I deeply regret the President's action. And because it is now an accomplished fact, now is not the time to cry over spilt milk.

For my part, I have submitted an official letter to the leadership of Congress suggesting that the President's actions may well have exceeded his authority. The Native Hawaiians Study Commission is not like the President's Council on Physical Fitness which he can dismiss at will or abolish entirely. This is a legislatively created Commission with specific responsibilities to report back to Congress. Furthermore, the first increment of the costs of the Commission's operations are to be borne by the Senate contingency fund. I would hope that the President abides by the intent of Congress and that he will actively assist the Commission to move forward.

I am personally very proud of the Hawaii people that were members of the Commission. However, if President Reagan feels they are unfit to serve, I trust he will move quickly to appoint new members and convene the first meeting.

I do, however, want to make my position on the Commission itself absolutely clear. This project is a just cause, it has consumed many years of our lives, and, as far as I am concerned it is not and will not be quote terminated unquote.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN STUDY PROPOSED

**date:** THURSDAY, April 9, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A measure calling for a comprehensive Federal study of the physical and mental health needs of native Hawaiians was introduced today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

"Like other native American groups, native Hawaiians have suffered unique and serious problems, such as shorter life expectancy and above-normal incidences of disease and illness," Senator Inouye said.

The average life expectancy of native Hawaiians in 1979 was 67.6 years, compared to the State average of 74.2 years. Native Hawaiians account for an unusually high percentage of deaths due to heart disease, strokes and cancer, according to Hawaii health statistics.

High blood pressure, asthma, arthritis and diabetes are chronic illnesses more prevalent among native Hawaiians than other Hawaii ethnic groups.

The legislation authored by Senator Inouye, Senator Spark Matsunaga and Senator Ted Kennedy, ranking minority member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a formal review of the physical and mental health needs of native Hawaiians throughout the country. The results would be submitted to Congress within one year.

Similar legislation has already been enacted for American Indians and native Alaskans.

Native Hawaiians are now included in two Federally supported experimental programs: the Molokai Most-in-Need program aimed at providing opportunities for young adults, now in its second year; and the Waianae Mental Health program, a pilot project in its first year.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** BUNRAKU HAWAII TOUR APPROVED

**date:** MONDAY, April 20, 1981

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Japan-United States Friendship Commission today approved a grant of \$22,580 to the Bunraku Theatre of Japan to help finance a performing tour of Hawaii, Guam, the Northern Marianas and California.

This is believed to be the first performance of Bunraku, the traditional Japanese puppet theatre, on the Neighbor Islands. The 16-member troupe plans to tour Hawaii in late July and August.

Its United States appearance is sponsored by the Consortium for Pacific Arts and Cultures, a regional organization of state arts agencies in Western states and territories.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye is a member of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, which was established in 1975 to promote understanding through cultural and educational activities.

The Bunraku Theatre plans the following Hawaii appearances:

- \*\* July 31, University of Hawaii at Hilo;
- \*\* August 1-2 at Kahilu Theatre in Kamuela;
- \*\* August 3 at the Maui Community College;
- \*\* August 5 at the Kauai Community College;
- \*\* August 6-10 at the East-West Center and Leeward Community College.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SUGAR SUPPORT APPROVED

**date:** FRIDAY, May 1, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Agriculture Committee today approved a government price support program for sugar, adding it to commodities protected in the national farm bill.

The committee voted, 10-3, to establish a government-backed loan support program for sugar at 44% of parity price. That would mean a price for raw sugar of 19.6 cents a pound.

The Food and Agriculture Act will go to the Senate floor for approval after the committee completes its consideration of the omnibus bill. The farm program, enacted in 1977, is being renewed this year.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, in testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee in early March, warned that sugar price supports are needed to protect both growers and consumers against wildly fluctuating prices.

"The United States is the only sugar-producing country in the world without an effective government support program for sugar," he said.

The current raw sugar price is 16 to 17 cents, compared to 41 cents a few months ago, Inouye noted.

In the Senate panel's markup session today, the cyclicity of prices was cited as the most compelling reason for adding sugar to the farm bill.

The Senate committee sugar proposal is identical to the program approved in early April by a House agriculture subcommittee. The full House Agriculture Committee is slated to begin discussion of the sugar program next week.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** HONOLULU WEATHER OFFICE SAVED

**date:** TUESDAY, May 5, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate Appropriations subcommittee today approved continued funds for the National Weather Service regional office in Honolulu, rejecting an Administration proposal to shut it down as a budget-cutting measure.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce, argued against the closing.

The Administration proposed closing the office in June, eliminating 11 staff positions and transferring 8 others to the Alaska region headquarters in Anchorage, which would be responsible for Pacific coverage.

"I have yet to hear any witness suggest that the regional office in Alaska can more effectively monitor weather conditions in the South Pacific," Inouye said.

He also noted that the Honolulu office monitors weather conditions in some of the world's busiest shipping lanes, in the Pacific.

Honolulu is the headquarters for the Pacific region of the National Weather Service, serving the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Basin, extending to the Trust Territory, Guam and Micronesia.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** HAWAII AIR DEFENSE APPROVED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Hawaii air defense surveillance system would be modernized under a \$12 million project proposed today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye and approved by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

The Inouye proposal adds Hawaii to the automated surveillance system being installed for the continental United States and Canada in the current 1981 fiscal year. Hawaii was excluded in the original plans by the Department of Defense.

"Hawaii's vital location and key military installations call for the most advanced air defense the nation can provide.

"The 1950-vintage manual equipment Hawaii now uses is rapidly reaching obsolescence. The addition of Hawaii to the updated air defense system planned for the United States is most logical and efficient," Inouye said.

The Supplemental Appropriations measure must now go to the full Appropriations Committee, and then to the Senate floor for further action.

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**topic:** MAUNA KEA FACILITY REJECTED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today requested the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee to add \$1.7 million to the budget of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration to help construct a mid-level housing facility for the Mauna Kea Observatory.

The request was denied by the committee, but Senator Inouye said he would attempt to obtain funds through the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which he is also a member, because of the importance of the project.

The money would have been the NASA share in a joint project sponsored by the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the University of Hawaii--all of whom have telescopes at the observatory--to construct a permanent acclimitization facility. Workers at the 14,000-foot observatory must have a lower-altitude housing facility to adjust to the lower oxygen level and to save travel time.

Funds for the project was included in the FY 1982 NASA Space Science budget prepared by the Carter Administration, but was deleted in the version submitted by President Reagan.

"The committee's action in rejecting this proposal was extremely short-sighted. By denying NASA scientists this permanent facility, the United States will severely hamper their work," Inouye said.

The permanent facility will replace temporary structures at the 9,200-foot level now used by observatory staff. The temporary camp, built during the construction of the telescopes, will be demolished when the new complex is finished.

The remaining project sponsors will probably proceed with the permanent facility on a smaller scale to exclude NASA staff.

"The NASA Infrared Telescope Facility is the best in the world in its field, but we will be reducing the available time we can use it. This is an era in which we should be encouraging American leadership in space. Budget-cutting for short-term reasons, without regard to long-term consequences, will be most destructive to our scientific program," Inouye said.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE

**topic:** GINGER RESTRICTION PROPOSED

**date:** TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Legislation to establish Federal quality standards for foreign-grown ginger roots sold in the United States, similar to those imposed on Hawaii-grown ginger, was introduced today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

State of Hawaii agricultural regulations require that fresh ginger roots sold to the Mainland meet quality standards, but none exist for imported foreign ginger.

"The Hawaii ginger producers are at a distinct disadvantage in competing with foreign producers, who need not meet quality, size, grading, maturity and other requirements," Senator Inouye said.

Hawaii in 1979 produced 1.86 million ~~tons~~ of ginger root, worth \$1.13 million. In that same year, the United States imported 9.3 million <sup>lbs</sup> ~~tons~~ of foreign ginger root.

Resolutions adopted by the State Senate and House note that foreign ginger root is generally inferior to the Hawaii product, and suggest that Hawaii's regulations be used as the nation's standards.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** SERVICE INDUSTRIES BILL PROPOSED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today introduced the Service Industries Development Act, a bill to establish a set of policies and goals for the Federal Government to improve the domestic and international competitiveness of U.S. service industries. He was joined by Senator Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Trade, as a cosponsor.

This legislation is similar to S. 3003, which Senator Inouye introduced late last year, in the 96th Congress. The Hawaii Democrat chaired two days of hearings on that bill, the first Congressional hearings on the specific importance of service industries to the domestic economy and international trade of the United States.

"I hope that the Commerce Committee will continue to build a comprehensive hearing record on the significance of services in the modern American economy, the policies this development implies, and the needs of our services firms competing in the world marketplace," he said.

The role of the service sector is often ignored in economic policy-making, noted Senator Inouye. "Yet, the output of the service sector now far exceeds that of the manufacturing sector," he pointed out.

"Seven out of ten Americans now work in the service sector, and about 65 percent of the gross national product is service-derived. Moreover, some service industries are the most technologically advanced in the U.S. economy and are not the traditional labor-intensive, low-paid jobs many believe them to be."

Inouye also noted that services are critical to our international trade. In 1979 and 1980, the United States earned a surplus in services - including income from overseas investments - of more than \$34 billion annually. "However," he warned, "this comparative advantage is in danger as many of our trading partners resort to blatantly protectionist policies to reduce the U.S. surplus in this area. The percentage of U.S. service exports has been declining," he cautioned, "and the federal government must coordinate its efforts and develop policies to enhance the competitiveness of our service firms or our service sector shall follow the descent of our once-

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mighty manufacturing exporters."

Senator Inouye said that in addition to general service-related legislation, he intends to develop a program of industry-specific bills to promote U.S. service exports and to improve domestic competitiveness.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE

**topic:** SENATE APPROVES HAWAII PROJECTS

**date:** THURSDAY, May 21, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Supplemental Appropriations measure approved today by the Senate includes funds for two Hawaii programs: the modernization of Hawaii's air defense surveillance system and the operation of the Pacific Region headquarters of the National Weather Service.

The air defense system for the Islands, costing an estimated \$12 million, was inserted in the bill as a proposal of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

It adds Hawaii to the automated surveillance system being installed for the continental United States. Hawaii was excluded from original plans of the Department of Defense, because of its distance from the Mainland and added cost.

"Hawaii is a key part of the national defense system, and as history has shown, a natural target for our adversaries. It is important that the Islands be provided with the most advanced warning system, to replace the 1950-vintage equipment now used," Senator Inouye said.

The Honolulu office of the National Weather Service, the headquarters for the Pacific Basin Region, would be closed in June under an Administration budget-cutting proposal.

The move would have eliminated 11 staff positions and transferred 8 others to Anchorage, Alaska, which would become responsible for Pacific weather coverage. The cost of the office is \$348,000 per year.

"The Honolulu office monitors weather conditions in some of the world's busiest shipping lanes, located in the Pacific Ocean, and provides forecasting for the Pacific Basin, which includes Islands extremely susceptible to storm damage," Senator Inouye said.

"This office offers the most effective weather coverage possible, at a relatively low cost," he said.

The appropriations measure provides funds to operate Federal government for the 1981 fiscal year ending September 30, 1981. It will now go to the Senate-House conference committee to resolve differences between the two bodies. Neither of the Hawaii programs were included in the House version.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** SATELLITE GRANT TO EAST-WEST CENTER

**date:** THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The East-West Center today received an award of \$149,557 to conduct a four-week workshop to promote the use of satellite communications in developing countries, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced.

A four-week program consisting of seminars, workshops and site visits will be conducted at the Center in October, under the grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the United States, through the East-West Center, to encourage the transfer of useful knowledge and information among nations.

"Satellite communications can do much to link far-flung areas in which other forms of communication are difficult. In many less developed nations this can have immense educational and economic benefits," said Senator Inouye, a member of the Commerce Committee.

Among the nations expected to participate in the program are Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, the Philippines, Nigeria and India.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

HAWAII EXEMPTION ASKED

**topic:**

MONDAY, June 1, 1981

**date:**

For Immediate Release

**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Legislation to exempt Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act from preemption by the Federal government has been introduced by Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga.

A Federal court ruled in 1977 that Hawaii's law could be preempted by the broad powers of the 1974 Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act, the first of its kind in the nation, requires comprehensive health care insurance coverage for all employees.

The measure is identical to one passed by the Senate last year, but deleted in a Senate-House conference committee on ERISA amendments because of House objections.

"It was clearly not the intention of Congress to preempt successful state health care programs, such as Hawaii's, which provides health insurance for 98 percent of the civilian population in the State," Senator Inouye said.

"Hawaii should be given every opportunity to continue its plan, which maintains quality health care at a reasonable cost," he said.

In addition to the Hawaii ERISA exemption, the Inouye-Matsunaga bill directs the Department of Labor to study the possibility of exempting all other states with similar health programs.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** CONFERENCE APPROVES HAWAII PROJECTS

**date:** WEDNESDAY, June 3, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Funds for modernizing Hawaii's air defense surveillance system and continuing the National Weather Service Pacific Region office have been approved by the Senate-House conference committee on the Supplemental Appropriations measure.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the conference committee, argued in support of the Hawaii programs during consideration last night. The appropriations measure provides Federal funds for the current 1981 fiscal year.

The air defense system proposal, costing an estimated \$12 million, will add Hawaii to the automated surveillance system being installed for the continental United States.

"History has shown that it is vital for Hawaii to have the most advanced warning system available, because of our key location and role in the nation's defense," Senator Inouye said.

The measure reverses Administration plans to close the Honolulu office of the National Weather Service, which provides weather forecasting and monitoring for the Pacific Basin.

Also approved by the conferees was an Inouye proposal directing the National Institute on Handicapped Research to provide assistance to Pacific Island areas suffering from extreme shortages of professional health personnel, such as physical therapists and physicians. The measure appropriates \$37 million for the Institute.

Conference consideration of the Hawaii proposals were required because they had been previously approved by the Senate, but not the House. The compromise measure now goes to both floors for final passage, and then to the President.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE

**topic:** FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE CANDIDATES

**date:** MONDAY, June 8, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark M. Matsunaga today issued this statement:

"Pursuant to the charter which established the Hawaii Federal Selection Commission for Federal Judicial Appointments and United States Attorneys, the Commission, after duly considering all applicants, has submitted the following three names:

--Jon J. Chinen, 61, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge since April 1976.

--Masato Doi, 60, former judge in the First Circuit Court of Hawaii and now in private practice.

--Walter M. Heen, 53, current interim U.S. District Court Judge and former U.S. Attorney for Hawaii.

"We will now forward these three names to the President, listed alphabetically and without further recommendation or comments."

Attached is a copy of their letter to President Reagan.

## United States Senate

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June 4, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In January, 1979, we entered into a contract with the Hawaii State Bar Association to create and establish the Hawaii Federal Selection Commission for Federal Judicial Appointments and United States Attorneys. This was the culmination of work begun one year prior to the creation of the charter, a copy of which is enclosed.

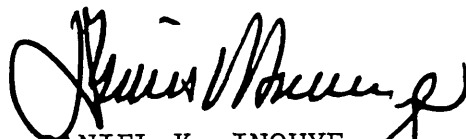
Pursuant to this charter, the Commission members were selected and have, in turn, submitted to the two Hawaii Senators their recommendations for a successor to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Federal District Court Judge Dick Yin Wong, which has been filled on an interim basis by the appointment of Walter M. Heen.

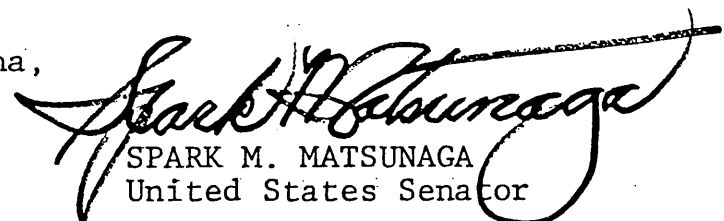
We would call your attention to Section 6(c) of the Charter, which requires bipartisan representation on the Selection Commission when, as is currently the case, the President and U.S. Senators are of different political parties. The Commission has been reconstituted to comply with this section.

We are pleased to transmit the recommendations of the three names certified by the Hawaii Federal Selection Commission, listed alphabetically and without further recommendation:

Jon J. Chinen  
Masato Doi  
Walter M. Heen

Aloha,

  
DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

  
SPARK M. MATSUNAGA  
United States Senator

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** FEDERAL HELP FOR HAWAII FIRM

**date:** MONDAY, June 8, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Maui Divers of Hawaii, Ltd. today was awarded a \$2.5 million loan guarantee by the U.S. Economic Development Administration under a Federal program which assists firms adversely affected by foreign imports.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has expressed support for the Honolulu firm's application for Federal assistance, in letters to the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The trade assistance loan guarantee provides for the development of new products by the coral jewelry firm, and the restructuring of of business debts. The Federal aid is expected to maintain 172 jobs and create 138 new positions.

The EDA will guarantee 70 percent of the \$2.5 million loan for 7½ years.

The Federal program of financial and technical assistance to firms damaged by foreign goods was established by the Trade Act of 1974.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** NEW HEALTH PROGRAM OFFERED

**date:** TUESDAY, June 9, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Hawaii Medical Services Association will offer Hawaii residents the first federally qualified statewide health maintenance organization (HMO) starting next month.

The new program -- Health Plan Hawaii -- offers a wide range of traditional medical services, plus a special emphasis on preventive health care, including physical examinations, patient education, and early detection of diseases and illnesses.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has been a longtime supporter of HMOs as an alternative to traditional medical care, because of its potential for reducing escalating medical and hospital costs.

"Our nation's spending on health now accounts for about 9.1 percent of the gross national product, and is expected to rise to 10.2 percent by 1984. It is clear that the answer to this problem lies in emphasizing preventive health care, and Hawaii is the leading state in the nation in caring for the health needs of its citizens," Senator Inouye said.

The new HMSA program received Federal certification in April, under the Federal HMO Act of 1973, which sets special program requirements. The Kaiser Foundation now offers a similar HMO to Oahu and Maui residents.

The HMSA program will provide health care services from four of the major Islands -- Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai.

Health Plan Hawaii was tailored to meet the desire of many local and national employers who wanted a federally qualified health plan in Hawaii.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** ELECTED TO GWU BOARD

**date:** THURSDAY, June 11, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye has been elected to the Board of Trustees of George Washington University for a three-year term.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on the Board of Trustees of one of our top institutions of higher learning. I look forward to actively participating in the discussions and decisions affecting the University," he said.

George Washington University is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian university established in 1821, in downtown Washington, D.C. Its 12,600 full-time students are drawn from 50 states and 120 foreign countries. The University's professional schools of law and medicine are considered among the best in the nation.

Senator Inouye was elected to the Board at its annual meeting on May 21 after being nominated by the Board's Trusteeship Committee.

He graduated from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1952, after undergraduate education at the University of Hawaii.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AIR SETTLEMENT URGED

**date:** TUESDAY, June 9, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In letters to both sides of the labor dispute between the Federal Aviation Administration and air traffic controllers, Senator Daniel K. Inouye has urged them to reach a settlement without striking, because of the serious economic damage to Hawaii of a halt in air transportation.

"A major disruption of air travel would inflict serious economic wounds to Hawaii, an innocent victim in this dispute", Senator Inouye said.

In a letter today to FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms, Hawaii Senators Inouye and Spark Matsunaga urged him to "make every effort and to exhaust every alternative to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of this dispute."

Senator Inouye also joined with other Senators in reminding the President of the Professional Air Traffic Controller Organization, Robert Poli, that a strike by controllers would be illegal because they are Federal employees. Any changes in the current work agreement requires Congressional approval, and the Senators promised to assist in solving the labor dispute. The letter was initiated by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, of which Senator Inouye is a member.

Air controllers have threatened to strike on June 22, 1981, unless labor demands are met. Although the FAA has a contingency plan to use supervisory personnel for intermediate and long-range flights in the event of a strike, serious disruptions would still be inevitable.

"The tourism industry, which is the largest in the State, providing more than 100,000 jobs, will be severely and adversely affected by the strike. Travel of all sorts will be confused and disrupted as discretionary air travel is curtailed. Cargo shipments will be disrupted and delays will prevent the shipment of perishable agricultural goods to the Mainland," Senators Inouye and Matsunaga warned in their letter to the FAA.

They also noted that air carriers would lose an estimated \$80 million per day during a strike, weakening them economically and lessening domestic competition if they are forced to merge or go out of business.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** FAA PLAN QUESTIONED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, June 24, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today asked Federal Aviation Administrator J. Lynn Helms to reconsider a plan to merge the Pacific-Asia Regional Office in Honolulu with the western region.

"I support efforts to cut government costs, but not when such action is unwarranted or unwise. The need for separate regional offices for Hawaii and Alaska is as clear today as in 1962, when they were established," Senator Inouye said.

In a letter to FAA Administrator Helms, he noted that the existing FAA Pacific-Asia Region covers not only Hawaii, but also the Pacific communities of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The FAA plans next month to reduce its regional offices from 11 to 6, placing Hawaii and 9 other states in the Western Region, headquartered in Seattle. Alaska would retain its separate regional office.

"I firmly disagree that the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin share a commonality of interests and aviation activity sufficiently enough with these states to be logically included in this region.

"The FAA field offices in the Pacific Island communities, which are already thousands of miles from Honolulu, will be an additional 3,000 miles from the new regional office in Seattle," Senator Inouye said.

Some 150 FAA employees in Hawaii are affected by the move, which requires that they retire or move to Seattle.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** FAA PLANS SUSPENDED  
**date:** THURSDAY, July 2, 1981  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Federal Aviation Administration plans to consolidate regional offices, which jeopardized 150 FAA employees in Honolulu, have been suspended indefinitely pending reevaluation of the plans, announced Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The FAA decision was made today following Congressional and public complaints that the reconsolidation plans were ill-advised. In a June 24 letter to FAA Administrator J. Lynn Helms, Senator Inouye noted the huge expanse of area spanning the Hawaiian Islands and Pacific Basin covered by the Pacific-Asia Regional Office based in Honolulu.

There is no set deadline for a final FAA decision on its regional consolidation plans.

The FAA had planned to merge the Pacific-Asia Regional Office with the Western Region, headquartered in Seattle.

"I support efforts to cut government costs, but not when such action is unwarranted or unwise. The need for separate regional offices for the non-continental states of Hawaii and Alaska is as clear today as in 1962, when they were established," Senator Inouye said.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** REACTION TO NOMINATION

**date:** TUESDAY, July 7, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "I applaud the President's nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court of the United States," Senator Daniel K. Inouye said today.

"The appointment of a woman to the Supreme Court is long overdue. After 190 years, it is time that this august body was provided with a woman's perspective on the problems of war and peace, the American home, the environment, and many other important matters.

"I look forward to voting with much enthusiasm for Judge O'Connor when her nomination is before the Senate floor."

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** FALLS OF CLYDE FUNDS APPROVED

**date:** THURSDAY, July 16, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The FALLS OF CLYDE will receive \$100,000 for continued operation as a maritime attraction in Honolulu, under the Department of Interior's FY 1982 budget approved today by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior.

Funds for the historic ship were recommended in the Administration's proposed budget, but were deleted last month by the House.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye asked the Senate Interior Subcommittee to provide the funds because the vessel is the only surviving full-rigged four-masted sailing ship, and because of the long commitment of Hawaii residents to restoring and maintaining the FALLS OF CLYDE.

The present owner, the Bishop Museum, is undergoing financial difficulties and wishes to find another operator of the ship, but has expressed the willingness to continue until another suitable owner is located, preferably in Hawaii.

The \$100,000 grant, through the National Park Service, would be the second such grant appropriated by Congress for the FALLS OF CLYDE, at the request of the Hawaii Congressional delegation.

"As an example of the cooperation exhibited by the Hawaii community, the U.S. Navy has agreed to waive its usual dry-dock fees for the FALLS OF CLYDE, which is now undergoing hull restoration at Pearl Harbor," Senator Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** COMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT ADOPTED

**date:** THURSDAY, July 16, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Foreign communications firms would be required to open their domestic markets to American firms, in exchange for access rights to the United States, under amendments to the Telecommunications measure (S. 898) sponsored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye and adopted by the Senate Commerce Committee today.

"The United States market is the largest, most affluent, and freest in the world, and yet most foreign markets are closed to those American firms wishing to export high-technology telecommunications hardware and services," said Senator Inouye (D-Hawaii).

"Reciprocity should be a double-edged sword. Those countries seeking to protect their home markets will just have to do without our business, but those adhering to free and fair trade practices should be allowed to compete with our domestic firms," he said.

Senator Inouye expressed concern that the Administration may oppose his amendments, on "free trade" grounds, based on the findings of a Trade White Paper released this week.

"The foremost concern of American trade policy must be the protection of American national interests. We cannot afford to ignore unfair trade practices, which inflict damage to our domestic economy," he said.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** MAUNA KEA FACILITY APPROVED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, July 22, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved \$1.7 million to help construct a mid-level housing facility for scientists at the Mauna Kea Observatory.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye presented the request to the Committee, of which he is a member, to add the funds to the FY 1982 Appropriations for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration.

The money is the NASA share in a joint project sponsored by the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the University of Hawaii to construct a permanent housing facility at Mauna Kea.

Workers at the 14,000-foot observatory must have a lower-altitude housing facility to adjust to the lower oxygen level at the summit, and to save travel time.

"The NASA Infrared Telescope is the best of its kind in the world, and it would be tragic if NASA scientists were denied its use for lack of housing space," Senator Inouye said.

Funds for the project were deleted in the FY 1982 NASA budget submitted by President Reagan.

The permanent housing dormitory will replace current temporary structures at the 9,200-foot level slated for demolition.

The appropriations measure will now go to the full Senate for approval.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PANEL

**date:** THURSDAY, July 30, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye has been selected to serve on the Commission on Presidential Nominations, which was established by the Democratic National Committee to review the current nominating and delegate selection process.

"The Commission will examine possible reforms to our system of primary elections and state party caucuses, which is both lengthy and confusing. We will work towards ensuring that the 1984 delegate selection process continues to be open, and also emphasizing closer cooperation between the party and elected public officials," Senator Inouye said.

The Commission is chaired by Governor James Hunt of North Carolina. It will submit its recommendations for adoption by the Democratic National Committee before the end of 1982.

Senator Inouye chaired the Rules Committee of the 1980 Democratic National Convention. He and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) are the only United States Senators to serve on the Commission.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** IMPACT AID FOR HAWAII  
**date:** THURSDAY, July 30, 1981  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii may maintain more than 80 percent of its current Impact Aid funds when Congress completes action on the program in the next several months, Senator Daniel K. Inouye said.

Impact Aid currently distributes \$650 million nationally. Hawaii now receives \$16.7 million in Impact Aid, with \$14 million for 16,224 "A" children (whose parents live and work on Federal property) and \$2.7 million for 24,402 "B" children.

The Administration proposed eliminating all "B" support, and limiting Impact Aid to only school districts with more than 20 percent Federally connected students. Under this proposal, which was substantially supported by the House budget bill, Hawaii would receive nothing.

Senate-House conferees on the budget bill have completed work on the Impact Aid program, deciding to provide \$455 million for the 1982 fiscal year, which begins in October. Conferees also agreed on a gradual three-year phase-out of "B" support, instead of an immediate halt. In addition, they agreed to transfer funding for schools located on Federal property to the Defense Department.

The next step in the budget process requires the Senate and House appropriations committees to develop detailed methods of allocating the budgeted funds. They will begin this in September.

Senate Inouye has devised an impact aid formula which would maintain most of Hawaii's aid funds, and which has the support of the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-N. Mex.).

The formula would continue impact aid to school districts with at least 15 percent Federally connected children, by counting each "A" child as one unit and "B" children as one-half. Under the Inouye-Schmitt formula, Hawaii would be composed of 16.8 percent Federally connected students, and would receive about \$13 million in Impact Aid in the 1982 fiscal year.

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"This approach preserves Federal support for areas with high concentrations of Federal workers, and recognizes the responsibility of assisting such areas. It enables continued funding for Hawaii's unique statewide school system, in which portions of the Islands far exceed the required ratio of Federal students," Senator Inouye said.

"In reaching their agreement on the Impact Aid budget, the Senate and House conference members took note of the problem facing Hawaii, and made allowance for our needs in the final budget ceiling," he said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** LOWER COMMUNICATIONS RATES PROPOSED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, August 5, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Western Union today filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission offering Mainland-Hawaii telex and data services at substantially lower rates than currently available, Senator Daniel K. Inouye said.

The new services and rates are offered under a Federal law -- introduced by Senator Inouye and enacted last year -- which amends Federal communications laws to include Hawaii as a "domestic point."

"This was an example of outdated and discriminatory Federal laws, which continued unchanged from the time of Hawaii's territorial status. I am delighted that the new law, which is intended to encourage more competition among communications carriers, has brought such immediate results," said Senator Inouye, a member of the Commerce Subcommittee on Communications.

Prior to the act, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on December 24, 1980, Hawaii was treated under Section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934 as an "international point," which could be served only by international record carriers. As a domestic point, both international and domestic record carriers may offer services.

Western Union officials informed Senator Inouye that if the petition is accepted by the FCC, the new services and rates could be available as of this fall. Current carriers will have 30 days after today's filing in which to file their comments.

Western Union proposes to offer Hawaii customers direct telex service to the Mainland and access to its computers without having to go through intermediate communications carriers. As a result, the petition claims, savings of 70 percent under current telex rates can be achieved, reducing per minute telex charges from \$1.15 to \$.35. The petition also asserts that other Western Union data services will be available to customers at lower rates.

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"By reclassifying Hawaii as a domestic point, the Hawaii-Mainland market has been opened to all record carriers. I hope that other companies in addition to Western Union will offer services to Hawaii.

"New and cheaper telecommunications services and facilities will make Hawaii even more appealing as a communications center for the Pacific, and headquarters of international businesses," Senator Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** FOREIGN PRODUCE IMPORTS PROPOSED

**date:** THURSDAY, August 6, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative is reviewing petitions for the duty-free import of mangoes, sweet ginger and papayas from Jamaica, and fresh pineapple from Thailand and Mexico. Senator Daniel K. Inouye said he strongly opposes granting duty-free treatment to these products because of their harmful impact on Hawaii producers.

"This program is intended to assist economic development in less-developed countries, which is an objective we all share. But it appears that granting duty-free status to these products would hit Hawaii particularly hard, since Hawaii is the only state which grows these products.

"The Administration should recognize the potential harm to the Hawaii economy if it approves the petitions. If the Administration wishes to provide assistance to the developing countries, it should do so in a manner which minimizes economic harm to any specific region, and spreads the costs among the entire country," Senator Inouye said.

Duty free treatment is authorized under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which makes products from less-developed countries eligible for duty-free import if they do not provide significant competition to domestic products.

The USTR Office said that requests for oral testimony must be received by September 3, 1981. Hearings will begin in Washington on September 14. Written statements and arguments may be submitted until September 25.

Senator Inouye said he will contact representatives of growers associations in Hawaii and the State Department of Agriculture, to advise them of the hearings.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUIYE

**topic:** HAWAIIAN HEALTH BILL OPPOSED

**date:** FRIDAY, August 7, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Health and Human Services has announced opposition to a measure which proposes a comprehensive Federal study of the physical and mental health care needs of native Hawaiians.

The legislation, introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, calls for a one-year study by the Department of the health needs of native Hawaiians throughout the nation. According to the 1980 Census there are 167,253 native Hawaiians in the United States, of whom 115,962 reside in Hawaii.

"Similar legislation has been enacted for American Indians and native Alaskans. Like those other native American groups, native Hawaiians suffer their own physical and mental health problems," Senator Inouye said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker, in a letter to the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, said the study should be performed by the State of Hawaii.

"Since the vast majority of native Hawaiians reside in the State of Hawaii, we believe that this study and subsequent report can be most appropriately conducted and prepared by the State of Hawaii," Schweiker's letter said.

The average life expectancy of native Hawaiians in 1979 was the shortest of any other group in the State of Hawaii, at 67.6 years, compared to the average of 74.2 years. The incidence of cancer among Hawaiians is higher than any other group, and they also suffer unusually high rates of heart disease, strokes, and chronic illnesses.

Since 1974, Congress has enacted legislation recognizing native Hawaiians as native Americans, in areas of economic development, social assistance, and employment and training programs (such as CETA).

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"I am saddened by the opposition of the Administration, in view of the responsibility of the Federal government to native Hawaiians -- as aboriginal inhabitants of our nation -- and the serious need for attention to their physical and mental health problems," Senator Inouye said.

The legislation was also sponsored by Senator Spark Matsunaga and Senator Edward Kennedy, ranking minority member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII DELEGATION TRI-FLY EFFORTS

**date:** THURSDAY - AUGUST 27, 1981

**release date:** IMMEDIATE

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii Congressional delegation has consistently and vigorously led efforts to obtain Federal help in the fight to eradicate fruit fly pests in Hawaii, said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, senior member of the delegation.

"A major obstacle has been the attitude of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, which have viewed this as a strictly state problem, rather than one which poses a severe threat to the nation's agricultural industry," Senator Inouye said.

The Senator disputed recent statements by a U.S. Department of Agriculture official, who blamed the Hawaii delegation for the continuing fruit fly problem in Hawaii.

In 1977, the U.S. Senate directed the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a thorough study of the fruit fly problem in Hawaii--the only state infested with the melon, Mediterranean and Oriental fruit flies--because of the constant threat posed to Mainland and other Pacific nations.

In 1978, the Secretary of Agriculture reported that the technology was available to eradicate fruit flies in Hawaii, and proposed a six-year program to do so, with first year funding at \$3.82 million. Unfortunately, the Office of Management and Budget slashed the proposed budget to \$824,000, which the Congress later approved.

"In hearings of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I asked that the program funding be restored to the full amount originally proposed by the Agriculture Department, but was not able to get that figure restored," Senator Inouye said.

In 1979 Congress appropriated \$424,000 for the second year of the program, but the Department of Agriculture apparently determined that the money was unnecessary, and spent it on other purposes.

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Last year, no funds were requested by the Department for the tri-fly program. However, in cooperation with the California delegation, we were successful in appropriating funds for the construction of a sterile fruit fly facility in Honolulu. The State of Hawaii donated land for the facility, the State of California provided \$500,000, and the Federal government appropriated \$3.8 million.

While the immediate purpose of the facility is to produce sterile fruit flies for Mainland eradication efforts, the Senate report stipulated that the Department of Agriculture should pursue the tri-fly program in Hawaii, with the facility as an integral part of the program.

Another example is the baggage inspection program at Hawaii airports, for which the State of Hawaii has to pay half the costs, at the insistence of the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). This matching arrangement is usually used when the pest is considered to affect only one state.

"In summary, the Hawaii Congressional delegation has supported funds for the tri-fly eradication program, usually at levels above the Administration's, as long ago as 1977. Had our warnings been heeded then, we may have been spared much time and expense in the eradication efforts that have since been conducted on the Mainland," Senator Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** MAUNA KEA FACILITY APPROVED

**date:** THURSDAY, September 10, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate-House conference committee today agreed to provide funds for the construction of a housing facility for American scientists and staff at the Mauna Kea Observatory.

The money will enable the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) to participate in a multi-nation plan to build permanent housing for workers using the four telescopes at the Observatory. Since 1979, NASA has conducted research of Saturn, Jupiter and other celestial bodies with its infrared telescope.

"These funds will encourage America's continued leadership in space exploration and research, by enabling our scientists to make full use of the infrared telescope, considered to be the best of its kind," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who successfully requested the inclusion of the funds by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

While the Senate earmarked the project in the NASA Appropriations bill for the 1982 fiscal year, the House did not specifically approve the project. The conference committee decided to provide \$70 million for eight projects--the Mauna Kea facility among them--planned by NASA for the coming year.

Today's action by the conference committee ensures that the money will be provided as NASA's share of the \$7 million project. The funds were threatened when the Reagan Administration deleted it from NASA's proposed budget.

The housing at the 9,000-foot level is needed so that workers at the Observatory can become acclimated to the low oxygen level at the 14,000-foot elevation. They are now using temporary facilities erected by construction workers at the Observatory.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

topic: HAWAII PROGRAMS FUNDS HIKE

date: Friday, September 11, 1981

release date: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate Appropriations subcommittee today increased funds for several programs affecting Hawaii which were reduced by the House. These included the Sea Grant College Program, the East-West Center and National Weather Service offices in Hawaii.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary, participated in the panel's markup of the 1982 fiscal year appropriations measure today.

Sea Grant received \$41 million, an increase over the House-passed figure of \$21.78 million. The University of Hawaii, a Sea Grant College, receives a portion of these funds for scientific research and instruction.

The East-West Center would receive \$16.88 million in the Senate bill, the full amount requested by the Center, compared to the House figure of \$16.5 million.

The Senate subcommittee approved full-year funding for the Kahului, Maui, National Weather Service office, which is one of 38 weather stations the Administration had proposed be closed. The House approved six-month funding for these offices.

The Pacific Regional Headquarters of the National Weather Service, located in Honolulu, receives \$348,000 under the Senate bill.

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Senator Inouye also asked that the U.S. Travel Service budget be increased to \$8.6 million, compared to the House figure of \$6.5 million. The Travel Service operates several foreign field offices to promote travel in the United States. The subcommittee adopted the Inouye amendment.

The State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary Appropriations measure now goes to the full Senate Appropriations Committee for further approval.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** IMPACT AID APPROVED  
**date:** WEDNESDAY, September 16, 1981  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The State of Hawaii next year will receive \$15,131,000 in Federal Impact Aid funds, or 95 percent of the amount it currently receives, under an appropriations measure approved by a Senate subcommittee.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has devised an impact aid formula which maintains most of Hawaii's aid funds, and which garnered the support of the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-N.Mex.).

The Program was threatened by the Administration budget proposal for elimination of all support to areas where Federally connected students compose less than 20 percent of school enrollment. Under this proposal, Hawaii would receive nothing.

Under the Inouye-Schmitt formula adopted today, Hawaii will suffer a loss of only \$796,000 in the 1982 fiscal year beginning October 1.

The appropriations measure now goes to the full Appropriations Committee, where approval is expected.

Also included in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations bill is \$1,969,000 for the Hawaii leprosy program. This is an increase of \$169,000 over the current budget.

Senator Inouye also proposed--and the subcommittee adopted--increased funds for \$1.5 million for the nation's schools of public health, which will receive \$4.5 million for institutional support and \$3 million for student grants.

Also, the subcommittee adopted an Inouye proposal that the Federal Government continue to provide financial aid to Pacific Island students attending health professional schools, to assist Pacific areas suffering from shortages of qualified health personnel; and support for the National Institute of Handicapped Research to conduct a program to assist the Pacific Basin.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** GRANTS FOR RETARDED ANNOUNCED

**date:** THURSDAY, September 17, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A new project to provide employment and housing for 100 mentally retarded adults on Oahu has received a \$649,200 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senator Daniel K. Inouye was notified today.

The recipient of the grant is the Opportunity for Retarded, Inc., at 4819 Kilauea Street, which is a newly formed non-profit organization planning an agricultural live-in community for the mental retarded.

A grant of \$326,900 was also awarded today to the Association for Retarded Citizens of Kauai, in Lihue, which plans a similar agricultural community on Kauai.

"The aim of enabling retarded citizens to live and work in a self-sufficient lifestyle is most worthwhile," said Senator Inouye, who provided support for the grant applications.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SUGAR VICTORY IN SENATE

**date:** THURSDAY, September 17, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The domestic sugar industry scored a significant victory today when the Senate rejected, on a 61-33 vote, a proposal to delete the sugar provisions from the farm bill, Senator Daniel K. Inouye said.

While the farm bill is slated for final passage later today the wide margin of victory indicated that the Senate will likely reject any further attempts against the proposed sugar program.

"The United States is the only sugar-producing country in the world without an effective government support program. We can no longer reasonably expect our domestic sugar producers to compete in a world market against prices manipulated by policies of foreign sugar-producing nations," Senator Inouye said during floor debate.

The sugar provision in the farm bill provides a loan rate of 18 cents per pound for domestic sugar producers.

"If the sugar program is properly and sensibly administered, the program will cost the government nothing, and, just as importantly, will not be costly to the sugar consumer," Senator Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** TOURISM AGREEMENT REACHED

**date:** THURSDAY, September 17, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate-House conference committee today agreed on compromise legislation which upgrades Federal government efforts to promote tourism in the United States.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the conference panel, expressed support for the establishment of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration, to be headed by an Undersecretary of Commerce for Tourism. The new agency would be an upgraded replacement for the current U.S. Travel Service.

"This legislation ensures that the Federal government will intensify its efforts to promote foreign travel in the United States. Tourism has the great potential for increased revenues and jobs throughout our nation," Senator Inouye said.

The legislation provides \$8.6 million to operate the USTTA in the 1982 fiscal year. It prohibits the Administration from reducing its budget and six overseas promotion offices.

"The establishment of an Undersecretary position in Commerce for Tourism will mean increased bureaucratic status within the Department, which previously was headed by an Assistant Secretary," he said. Senator Inouye led the move in 1971 to establish the position of Assistant Secretary for Tourism.

The legislation now goes to Senate and House floors for final passage.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** OPPOSES FOREIGN PINEAPPLE, PAPAYAS

**date:** Friday, September 25, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today expressed strong opposition to petitions requesting duty-free imports of foreign pineapples and papayas because of the threat they pose to Hawaii's agricultural industry.

Pending before the U.S. Trade Representative are requests for duty-free imports of pineapple from Thailand and Mexico, and papayas from Jamaica, under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which allows such treatment for less-developed nations if they pose no significant threat to domestic producers.

"It was not the intention of Congress in enacting the Trade Act of 1974 to compel a single geographic area to bear the brunt of the burdens resulting from the GSP program," said Senator Inouye in a written statement to Trade Representative William Brock.

Inouye noted that the pineapple is Hawaii's second largest crop, with sales of \$223 million last year, and employing 4,600 year-round workers. Since Hawaii is the only state growing pineapples, "any adverse effects from increased imports will be felt by Hawaii alone," the Senator said.

Imports already hold a significant share in the nation's consumption of pineapple, amounting to 44 percent of the fresh pineapple and 62 percent of the prepared pineapple, he said.

Papayas are Hawaii's fourth-leading crop, with \$10 million in sales last year, and the industry is growing due to the marketing promotion efforts of growers and the State of Hawaii, Senator Inouye said.

"It would not serve the interests of consumers or domestic producers to encourage the importation of inferior products which would depress the growing demand for papayas," the Senator said.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** TRIPLER CONTRACT SCHEDULED

**date:** Tuesday, September 29, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Federal government is scheduled to award a contract tomorrow to begin the construction of a new wing of the Tripler Army Medical Center, as the first stage of its modernization, said Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The estimated \$67.3 million contract is slated to be awarded to the Minneapolis firm of M.A. Mortenson, the winning bidder.

"There have been news reports of possible cutbacks in the work that is projected for the 1983 fiscal year with an estimated cost of \$68 million.

"I have been unable to confirm such reports with the Administration, but you can be assured that I intend to push for the Congressional appropriation of the full amount," Senator Inouye said.

"The plans for Tripler are the product of years of careful research and designs. Tripler is far too critical an installation to be jeopardized, as it serves as the prime medical center for our armed forces in the Pacific and their dependents, retirees and veterans, and as a major training center for the Army Medical Corps and the University of Hawaii," he said.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** SENATE PASSES TOURISM BILL

**date:** Tuesday, September 29, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today completed action on a measure which boosts Federal tourism promotion efforts. Final passage is expected soon in the House, sending the legislation to the President.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye was a member of the Senate-House conference committee which reached a compromise agreement earlier this month on the bill. As former chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Tourism, Senator Inouye has long been a leading supporter of increased government promotion of tourism, which contributes over \$140 billion in revenues and generates 6 million jobs throughout the nation.

The measure establishes the position of Undersecretary of Commerce for Tourism, to administer tourism policy and programs through the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration (USTTA). The new agency would be an upgraded replacement for the U.S. Travel Service, now headed by an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The bill also authorizes \$8.6 million to operate the USTTA in the 1982 fiscal year. It prohibits the Administration from reducing this budget or cutting back on the six overseas offices.

"Passage of this legislation is a victory for our efforts to intensify current tourism marketing programs. The domestic travel industry has the great potential for enhancing economic revenues and balance of trade," Senator Inouye said.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:**

TOURISM BILL SIGNED

**date:**

October 16, 1981

**release date:**

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President's Reagan's signing of the National Tourism Policy Act today is an important step forward for the national economy and balance-of trade, Senator Daniel K. Inouye said.

"Spending by foreign visitors in this country contributed about \$12 billion to the U.S. economy last year, and was a major generator of jobs in the nation. Improved efforts by the Federal government to promote foreign visitors will have a direct effect on our domestic economy," Senator Inouye said.

The legislation replaces the U.S. Travel Service with an upgraded agency; the U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration, and authorizes an 1982 budget of \$8.6 million.

"It has been estimated that every dollar spent by the U.S. Travel Service has resulted in \$18.60 in foreign visitor revenues," he noted.

The measure is also aimed at better coordination of Federal programs and policies affecting tourism, to ensure that they encourage foreign travel to the U.S.

Senator Inouye, former chairman of the Merchant Marine and Tourism Subcommittee, has long been a leading supporter of improved Federal promotion of tourism.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SERVICE INDUSTRIES BILL SUPPORTED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, October 21, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Administration and representatives of private business expressed strong support for a measure aimed at improving Federal government aid in export of U.S. service industries.

The Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Business, Trade and Tourism began hearings yesterday on the Service Industries Development Act, introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The hearings continue today.

Services industries such as travel and tourism, transportation, telecommunications construction and engineering, and data processing are now a major part of the national economy and our exports abroad, Senator Inouye testified.

Estimates of U.S. service exports in 1980 range from \$60 billion to as high as \$128 billion, he noted.

The Inouye bill would establish a national policy of support for the export of U.S. service industries. It would designate the Department of Commerce as a centralized authority to collect information and implement policy on international trade in services.

Representatives of the Departments of State and Commerce, the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and AFL-CIO all testified in support of the measure. Today's hearing features witnesses from the banking, telecommunications and insurance industries, who are also expected to express support.

"Our trade laws may have to be strengthened to provide additional remedies against obstacles to the free conduct of international trade in services," Senator Inouye said.

"A great deal of academic research must be done to obtain a more precise figure on the size of U.S. service exports, and the number of workers affected by them.

"We must strengthen our domestic service companies to enable them to compete abroad. The prime example of a languishing service industry is the merchant marine, which will be a vital link in our national security in time of national emergency", he said.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** EAST-WEST CENTER BUDGET APPROVED  
**date:** WEDNESDAY, October 28, 1981  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved an East-West Center budget of \$16.88 million, an increase of \$1,130,000 over the current 1981 budget, at the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the panel.

The Committee agreed to oppose any attempts to cut the 1982 Center budget, which could reduce the number of participants in the Center programs.

The appropriation is \$380,000 more than the House level. The increase over the current 1981 budget is intended to meet increased operational costs and mandated salary hikes.

Several other programs affecting Hawaii were included in the appropriations measure for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and the Judiciary:

--The National Marine Fisheries Service is directed to conduct a comprehensive recovery and study program for the Hawaiian monk seal, an endangered species found only in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

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At the request of Senator Inouye, the Committee appropriated \$400,000 for the Service to continue a seal pup capture/release program at Kure Island, maintain and operate the Monk Seal Recovery Team, and conduct a survey of all the Northwestern islands during the seal pupping season, in cooperation with the State of Hawaii.

The last count of the Hawaiian monk seal in 1977 showed only 700 seals, and it has been estimated that the seal may be extinct in 30 years unless a recovery program is conducted.

--An appropriation level of \$8.6 million for the newly established U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration. Senator Inouye led the successful move to restore \$1 million that had been cut at the subcommittee level, noting that foreign visitor spending in the U.S. is a major part of the domestic economy.

Legislation was signed into law earlier this month replacing the U.S. Travel Service with the USTTA, an upgraded agency with increased responsibilities.

--The Sea Grant College Program would receive \$39,198,000. The House had provided \$19,977,000.

--The National Weather Service station at Kahului, Maui, would remain open for the 1982 fiscal year. It would be among 19 part-time stations to remain fully operations for the year. The Administration has proposed closing 38 of the stations.

The House bill provides funding for six months.

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--Aquaculture research and development would receive \$2 million, to implement a national aquaculture development plan, as mandated by the National Aquaculture Act of 1980, which was authored by Senator Inouye.

The amount is \$1 million more than the House level, and \$2 million over the original Administration request.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** OLYMPIC BILL SUPPORTED

**date:** FRIDAY, October 30, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Unlike nearly every other nation, the United States has no system of financial subsidies for the development of Olympic competitors and other amateur athletes. Senator Daniel K. Inouye today testified in support of a measure he has introduced which would allow taxpayers to earmark one-dollar of their tax refunds for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"Competition among nations all too often involves the use of deadly weapons. If compete we must, then I suggest that we try to restrict our direct competition to the most ancient of competitive gatherings: the Olympics.

"If we are to be truly competitive in international athletics, we must provide our representatives with the facilities and support that other nations bestow upon their athletes. The potential benefits to our national spirit make a compelling argument for the passage of this bill," Senator Inouye told the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has the responsibility for coordinating amateur sports in the United States with particular emphasis on participation in international competition, under the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

Out of 26 Summer Olympic sports events, only 12 are offered in American high schools or colleges. - While American athletes do well in the dozen events, they rarely win in the other events, said representatives of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Others testifying in support of the measure were Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), who introduced the bill with Senator Inouye, and Olympic athletes Donna deVarona, a 1964 gold medal swimmer, and Edwin Moses, a 1976 gold medal hurdler.

The legislation would allow tax payers to designate one dollar of their tax refunds, or make a dollar contribution as part of their tax returns, to the U.S. Olympic Development Fund.

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Senator Inouye noted that there would be no loss of Federal government revenues, under the proposal.

If even half of the 64 million citizens filing tax returns choose to contribute, the Olympic Development Fund would receive \$32 million per year.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** IMPACT AID BUDGET APPROVED

**date:** THURSDAY, November 5, 1981

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee today rejected an Administration request to slash school impact aid funding by 12 percent, in approving the 1982 fiscal year budget for the Department of Education. Hawaii would receive \$15.1 million in impact aid funds, under the budget approved by the Committee.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Committee, had helped devise the impact aid formula for distribution to states, which was approved today.

Under the formula, Hawaii will maintain 95 percent of the impact aid it received in the 1981 fiscal year. The funds are intended to assist schools in areas of large federally-connected populations.

In September, the Administration asked Congress to cut impact aid funds by 12 percent. In adopting the education budget today, the Appropriations Committee rejected the Administration request.

Also in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations measure:

-- The Hawaii leprosy program will receive an increase of \$169,000 over its current budget, for a total of \$1,969,000. The federal payment is used to assist in the care and treatment of persons with Hansen's Disease.

-- Community health centers would receive more funds than requested by the Administration, under the Committee-approved figure of \$284 million. There are two such centers in Hawaii, operated at the Kaiser Hospital and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. They serve low-income, elderly and immigrant persons.

The Administration had requested \$243.8 million for the program.

-- Funds for the continued operation of the Administration on Native Americans, which provides funds to assist the economic and social self-sufficiency of native Hawaiians and other aboriginal groups.

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The Committee approved the Administration request of \$28 million for the native American program. At the request of Senator Inouye, the Administration on Native Americans was urged to continue its attention to the needs of native Hawaiians.

-- The Committee adopted a recommendation by Senator Inouye to increase Fiscal Year 1982 assistance to schools of public health by \$1.5 million, to \$7.5 million.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII HARBORS APPROVED

**date:** FRIDAY, November 6, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, DC -- Hawaii will receive \$11.9 million for harbor and flood control projects, under the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill passed by the Senate yesterday.

The five Hawaii projects had earlier been approved by the House, so their inclusion in the final Senate-House conference report is certain, noted Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

In the measure are:

--\$10 million to begin construction of the Barbers Point deep-draft harbor. Congress has previously appropriated \$1.89 million for planning and studies of the new harbor.

--\$1 million to begin rehabilitation of Kahului Harbor, Maui's only deep-draft port. The project is expected to total \$6.2 million.

--\$553,000 for a survey study of flood damage prevention projects for Hawaii's coastline, harbors and rivers.

--\$300,000 to continue funding for the Hilo Area Comprehensive Study. Congress had earlier allotted \$860,000 to begin the study of the need for flood protection and navigational facilities at Hilo Harbor.

--\$99,000 for maintenance of the Nawiliwili Harbor on Kauai.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII MILITARY PROJECTS APPROVED

**date:** THURSDAY, November 12, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved a Military Construction Appropriations measure which provides \$89 million in projects for Hawaii.

At the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the committee inserted several Hawaii projects which had been deleted during House consideration of the bill.

Major projects included in the Senate measure for the 1982 fiscal year are:

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Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic . . . . . \$3.8

The project would replace a 1929, termite-damaged structure. The clinic would serve the 14,000 active-duty personnel assigned to Schofield.

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Camp Smith maintenance shops . . . . . 2.9

Kahoolawe decontamination study . . . . . 1.2

This provides continued funding for the Navy's study of the feasibility and assessment of clearing Kahoolawe of unexploded ordnance.

Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor

Drydocks electrical improvements . . . . . 4.9

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Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor (con't.)  
Pacific Missile Range, Barking Sands,  
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Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor  
Compressed breathing air system improvements . . 6.2  
Energy facilities improvements . . . . . 7.5

DEFENSE AGENCIES

Replace tank at Defense fuel supply, Pearl City . . . 3.6

Projects deleted by the House but approved in the Senate bill are the Schofield Barracks dental clinic, Kahoolawe study, and Barking Sands Pacific Missile Range airfield paving. Following full Senate passage of the measure, these items will be discussed in a Senate-House conference committee.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** CHILD ABUSE FUNDS INCREASED

**date:** November 17, 1981

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee agreed to increase funds for child and spouse abuse prevention programs in the military, under the Defense Appropriations bill approved today.

At the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the committee voted to increase by \$10 million current child advocacy and family counseling programs operated by the military.

"The capability of our military forces is directly related to the quality of family life in military communities. Hawaii has been the leading state in recognizing the heavy stresses of military life, and a model for civilian-military cooperation in providing counseling and prevention programs in the military community," Senator Inouye said.

The Defense Department last year established the Military Family Resource Center in Honolulu to coordinate family counseling programs in the Pacific. The three-year demonstration project selected Hawaii as a location because of the unusually high cases of child abuse and neglect noted in military areas by Senator Inouye.

The funds approved in the Defense Appropriations measure would enable the expansion of similar projects throughout other areas of military concentration, and improve reporting and monitoring of such cases.

The bill now goes to the full Senate for approval.

Also in the Defense Appropriations bill, the Senate committee authorized a special demonstration project in which military dependents and retirees in the CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) program would receive dental care.

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The committee, at the request of Senator Inouye, authorized \$25 million to establish a preventive and basic dental care program in CHAMPUS.

Hawaii has 45,000 active duty military personnel and 65,000 dependents, who could be eligible for such benefits.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** BIG ISLAND RECEIVES SOCIETY OF AMERICAN TRAVEL  
WRITERS' "PHOENIX" AWARD

**date:** WEDNESDAY, November 18, 1981

**release date:** WEDNESDAY, November 18, 1981

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Big Island of Hawaii today received the Society of American Travel Writers' (SATW) prestigious "Phoenix" Award in recognition of the Island's ongoing involvement in environmental and cultural programs which foster a quality travel environment.

The SATW originally granted a conservation, preservation and beautification certificate to those individuals and organizations it deemed as worthy recipients; but in 1978 adopted a medallion of the mythological "Phoenix" because of its appropriate significance -- symbolic of new life.

In presenting the "Phoenix" to Big Island Mayor Herbert T. Matayoshi, Glenn T. Lashley, Editor of AAA World/Potomac Division and a member of the SATW Board of Directors, stated, "My inspiration for the nomination of the Big Island of Hawaii for this award came during a tour of Honua Hawaii, an Environmental Center for Reuniting Man and Nature."

Lashley explained that several other SATW members were enthusiastic not only about the Big Island's recognition of its environmental assets and historical uniqueness, but about the fact that positive programs have been undertaken to protect, conserve, preserve and enhance them. Among the efforts cited by Lashley and SATW were: Kalopa State Recreation Area, a forest reserve saved from desertion; Panaewa Rainforest-Zoo, a 40-acre habitat which replaced a modest two-acre children's zoo; Pu'uhoonua o Honaunau, a national park that was created by restoring the ruins of an ancient place of refuge; Lapakahi State Historical Park; an ancient Polynesian fishing village, rediscovered by contractors bulldozing for a highway; that was restored as a cultural tie to Hawaii's ancestry; Richardson Ocean Center, a public information park for marine ecology; Lyman Mission House and Museum, which shares the Island's missionary heritage with over 50,000 visitors annually; Merrie Monarch Festival, a celebration of cultural pride; and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, a national park around the Island's southeastern chain of volcanoes.

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"I am certain that I express the sense of joy and pride that is felt in Hawaii," stated Senator Daniel K. Inouye regarding the Big Island of Hawaii's award.

"The Big Island is world famous for its rich scenic diversity, which includes volcanoes, rain forests and expanses of ranchland. Just as importantly, it holds a special role in history as the center of social and cultural development for the native Hawaiian people.

"The foresight of the State and County government in protecting the Island's spectacular but fragile works of nature is most admirable. The preservation of these attractions enable their enjoyment by visitors and residents alike.

"The mythological Phoenix rose from flames as a symbol of new life. Created by still-active volcanoes, the Big Island serves as an example of environmental awareness at its finest."

The "Phoenix" Award was presented to Mayor Matayoshi at a large gathering of officials and representatives of the many programs and activities cited above at the Naniloa Surf Hotel in Hilo.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:**

STATEMENT ON SENATOR WILLIAMS CASE

**date:**

TUESDAY, December 1, 1981

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "I have asked for, and received, additional time from the leadership of the Senate to prepare my views on the case of ~~Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey.~~ It is not my intent to serve as ~~Senator Williams' attorney,~~ and I have not been asked to do so. It is my intention to participate fully in the debate on this case, and to assist in ensuring that Senator Williams has his day in court, and provide the people of the United States with a better understanding of the ABSCAM operation of the Justice Department.

"I am encouraged by the indications from my colleagues that they welcome a full and complete discussion of the complex issues which surround this case."

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** CHILD ABUSE FUNDS INCREASED

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today agreed to increase funds for child and spouse abuse prevention programs in the military, under the Defense Appropriations bill which passed on an 84-5 vote.

At the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the Senate Appropriations Committee had increased by \$10 million current child advocacy and family counseling programs operated by the military.

"The capability of our military forces is directly related to the quality of family life in military communities. Hawaii has been the leading state in recognizing the heavy stresses of military life, and a model for civilian-military cooperation in providing counseling and prevention programs in the military community," Senator Inouye said.

The Defense Department last year established the Military Family Resource Center in Honolulu to coordinate family counseling programs in the Pacific. The three-year demonstration project selected Hawaii as a location because of the unusually high cases of child abuse and neglect noted in military areas by Senator Inouye.

The funds approved in the Defense Appropriations measure would enable the expansion of similar projects throughout other areas of military concentration, and improve reporting and monitoring of such cases.

The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference committee to resolve differences between their measures.

Also in the Defense Appropriations bill, the Senate authorized a special demonstration project in which military dependents and retirees in the CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) program would receive dental care.

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The Appropriations committee, at the request of Senator Inouye, authorized \$25 million to establish a preventive and basic dental care program in CHAMPUS.

Hawaii has 45,000 active duty military personnel and 65,000 dependents, who could be eligible for such benefits.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED ON HAWAII PROJECTS

**date:** FRIDAY, December 11, 1981

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate-House conference committee on the Military Construction Appropriations measure has reached final agreement on a bill which provides \$92.7 million for projects in Hawaii.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the conference, noted that at the insistence of Senate members, the conference accepted several Hawaii projects which had earlier been deleted in the House bill but approved by the Senate. These consisted of the Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic, Kahoolawe study, and airfield paving at the Barking Sands Pacific Missile Range.

"The projects approved for Hawaii in the measure help ensure the combat readiness and capabilities of our nation's armed forces, which rely on Hawaii as a prime Pacific base," said Senator Inouye.

The conference report, which resolves differences between the House and Senate versions of the 1982 fiscal year Military Construction budget, now goes to the two houses for final passage. No opposition is expected to the measure.

Major Hawaii projects included in the conference measure are:

(in millions)

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Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic . . . . . \$3.8

The new 38-chair clinic replaces a 52-year-old facility serving the 14,000 active-duty personnel assigned to Schofield.

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This provides continued funding for the Navy's study of the feasibility and assessment of clearing Kahoolawe of unexploded ordnance.

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**topic:** SENATOR SAIKI APPOINTED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1981

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Secretary of Education Terrel Bell today informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye of the appointment of Hawaii State Senator Patricia Saiki to the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Established last year under the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, the 15-member board is an advisory committee which recommends funding priorities for proposed grants and contracts to improve postsecondary education.

Programs in the Fund include assistance for the improvement and expansion of educational resources for international studies and services, grants to improve instruction in crucial academic subjects, and construction assistance for academic facilities. Also included are programs of student financial assistance.

"Senator Saiki has distinguished herself by her involvement in several programs affecting higher education in Hawaii and the nation. I am certain that she is capable of continuing to make important contributions in this area through her membership on this board," Senator Inouye, who recommended her appointment to Secretary Bell.

Members of the 15-member board serve for three-year terms.