

Veterans Affairs

Senator Daniel K. Inouye Papers

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July 13, 1960

Dr. O.D. Pinkerton
Suite 230 Young Building
Honolulu 13, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Pinkerton:

In the absence of Congressman Inouye who is presently in Los Angeles, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 6, 1960, and to provide you with the information requested by you regarding Congressman Inouye's voting record on H.R. 7966.

In checking the Congressional Record of March 21, 1960, the date when H.R. 7966 was passed by the House, I note that no record vote was taken. Quoting from the March 21st Record, it states:

"The Clerk called the bill (HR 7966) to amend section 601 of title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing if needed services of optometrists to veterans having service-connected eye conditions.

"There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill.

"The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table."

According to the Tally Clerk, the bill was passed when no objection was voiced by anyone in the House.

The same procedure was used in the Senate where, on June 24th, it was likewise passed without objection, no record vote having been taken likewise.

I note in Congressman Inouye's letter to you of March 24, 1960, that the House had taken action on the bill prior to receipt of your letter urging his opposition thereto and wherein he suggested that you immediately contact our Hawaii Senators inasmuch as the bill was then pending in the Senate.

Dr. O.D. Pinkerton

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July 13, 1960

I hope this information has been of some assistance to you.

With best wishes and Aloha, I am

Sincerely,

ALFRED LAURETA
Administrative Assistant

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FORREST J. PINKERTON, M. D.
OGDEN D. PINKERTON, M. D.
SUITE 230 YOUNG BLDG.
HONOLULU 13, HAWAII

July 6, 1960

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

According to the Washington Report on the Medical Sciences, HR 7966 has been approved by the House and by the Senate by a unanimous vote.

I should like to know your record of voting on this Bill. Please refer to our letter of March 11, 1960, urging you to vote against this Bill as being against the best interest of veterans in that its enactment would allow technicians to assume the roll of physicians.

The record of your vote would be greatly appreciated by the Hawaii Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society, the Honolulu County Medical Society and the Hawaii Medical Association.

Sincerely yours,



O. D. Pinkerton, M. D.

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*Include "optometrist" in
definition of medical services.*

June 2, 1960

Mr. John M. Fernandez
Convention Chairman
Maui County Democratic Party
Makawao, Maui, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 24, 1960, and your enclosed certified copies of Resolution Nos. 2 and 7, both of which were adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party at its Convention.

The sentiments expressed in Resolution No. 7, presented by Elmer Cravalho are very deeply appreciated. The oftentimes arduous work of a Congressman finds much satisfaction in knowing that his efforts are being appreciated by those for whom he labors. To have been remembered by the people of Maui is a reward which makes me endeavor to continue my efforts. Mahalo.

Please be assured that I will do all I possibly can with respect to Resolution No. 2, concerning the enactment of legislation which would authorize the Veterans Administration to negotiate and enter into contracts with private and local government hospitals for medical and hospital care to veterans residing in Hawaii.

With sincere appreciation and Aloha, I am

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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MAY 28 1960

MAUI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Makawao, Maui, Hawaii


May 24, 1960

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Inouye:

I have the honor of transmitting to you certified copies of Resolution No's. 2 and 7, which were adopted by the Maui County Democratic Party at its Convention held on May 6-7, 1960, at Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

Yours very sincerely,


JOHN M. FERNANDEZ
Convention Chairman

encls.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION
County of Maui

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

May 7, 1960

PRESENTED BY ELMER CRAVALHO

PRECINCT NO. 27

WHEREAS, before Hawaii was admitted into the Union as the 50th State, the veterans of the United States residing on the islands of Maui, Lanai, Molokai, Hawaii, and Kauai, were able to receive medical and hospital care in private, as well as local government hospitals, under the Veterans Administration program by contractual arrangements entered into between such hospitals and the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, such services are no longer available to the said veterans since Hawaii became a state, and by reason whereof, the said veterans are now experiencing inconvenience as well as financial burdens; and

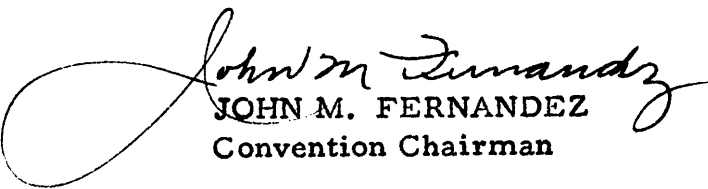
WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the Congress of the United States which would authorize the Veterans Administration to enter into contract with private and government hospitals, in states where there are no veterans hospitals, so that medical and hospital care may be extended to such veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Maui County Democratic Party that it does hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to support and enact into law the bill now pending in Congress which would authorize the Veterans Administration to negotiate and enter into contract with private and local government hospitals so that medical and hospital care may be provided to veterans residing in remote areas and in states where there are no veterans hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies hereof be transmitted to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson; to the Honorable Sam Rayburn; to the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye; to the Honorable Oren E. Long; to the Veterans Administration; to the Honorable Chairman and Executive Officer and Members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Maui; to the Chairman of the Maui County Democratic Convention; and to the Presidents of the several Democratic precincts of the County of Maui.

Certified true and correct Copy of
Resolution No. 2, adopted by the
Maui County Democratic Party at its
Convention held on May 6-7, 1960, at
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

MAUI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
PARTY


JOHN M. FERNANDEZ
Convention Chairman

*Veterans Affairs
Legis. Mail*

23 June 1960

Honorable Russell Long
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Long:

Please accept my humble apologies for my belated reply to your letter of June 3, 1960, calling my attention to the measure to permit veterans of World War II and the Korean War a second chance to take out their National Service Life Insurance which was passed unanimously by the Senate on June 2nd.

I heartily concur with the intent and purpose of said measure, and you may be assured that I will support it in the House.

Thank you for your courtesy in keeping me informed regarding this matter.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL K. INOUE
Member of Congress

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 8, 1960

The Honorable
Daniel Inouye
House of Representatives

J. Cooney

Dear Congressman Inouye:

On June 2nd, the Senate passed unanimously by a roll-call vote of 75 to 0, a measure to permit veterans of World War II and the Korean War a second chance to take out their National Service Life Insurance. The 25 absent Senators indicated they were for the measure. This was the fourth time the Senate has unanimously voted in favor of this measure which is of great interest to fourteen million veterans. Three times the measure has been killed by the House, usually under House rules which make it easy for a single member to defeat a Senate amendment.

There was not a word about this matter in the Washington morning press. Yet, insurance trade journals are going all out to bring pressure on you to kill the Senate action. Meanwhile, the American Legion, the VFW, the AMVETS, and the DAV are doing their utmost to arouse every veterans' post to join the fight.

This is an issue on which it has been agreed that you should vote before you adjourn. Whichever way you go, a considerable number of people will be pleased and a considerable will be displeased. This is a tough one; it squarely pits the insurance salesman against the veteran.

The question is whether our reverence for private profit opportunities is so great that we would deny the men who fought our wars another chance to take out a government insurance policy. Admittedly, the veterans have had a chance to get the insurance. The companies fought to see that the opportunity was terminated. Now the veterans are asking for a second chance -- just one year -- to obtain coverage which is much cheaper than that offered by reliable private companies. The cost to the government is nothing.

May I urge you not to yield to your pressure mail. There are a lot more veterans than insurance salesmen but your mail will be the other way around -- just tell both sides that you will give the matter your most careful attention. The veteran's side of the argument will be found on pages 10813 to 10817 in the Record of June 2nd.

Insurance companies are misleading you when they suggest that they were denied hearings in the Senate. This measure has been reported favorably by the Committee on Finance four times during the past five years. The companies have NEVER asked for hearings while the bill was in the committee. See pages 11052 to 11055 in the Record of June 6th.

The veterans are not here asking you to GIVE them anything -- only a chance -- but the insurance companies will not like it.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Russell Long

*Veterans Affairs
Legis. Mail*

June 2, 1960

Honorable Russell B. Long
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Long:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 23, 1960, informing me of your efforts to have legislation passed by Congress to give World War II and Korean veterans a second chance to take out life insurance.

Being a veteran myself, I am most appreciative of your efforts on behalf of our World War II and Korean veterans.

I have had similar requests from many of my constituents regarding the enactment of such legislation and you may be assured of my support for your proposal.

Thank you for your courtesy in keeping me so informed.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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RUSSELL B. LONG
LOUISIANA

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

for [unclear]

May 23, 1960

Hon. Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives

Dear Congressman Inouye:

For a number of years I have been trying to pass legislation to give World War II and Korean veterans a second chance to take out National Service Life Insurance. At the time when most veterans were separated from the service they had very little income and very few family obligations. As a result of this, 90% of them failed to continue their insurance. Since that time they have realized their mistake and have discovered that those who did continue their NSLI policies were very wise. Depending upon the kind of policy, NSLI saves about 20% or more of the premium that would be charged by private companies.

On several occasions the Senate has passed my NSLI bill. The proposal I offered is in line with previous precedents where World War I veterans were accorded the opportunity to take out service insurance for as much as thirty-three years after termination of their service.

My present proposal has been drafted in such a fashion that it would not cost the federal government anything. Policies would be issued at the attained age of the insured and estimated cost of additional administration, caused by an increased number of policies, would be added to the cost of the new policies.

This bill will be opposed by the Administration and probably by a majority of the members of the House Veterans Committee. There will be a great deal of talk about private enterprise on behalf of insurance companies. Yet, during the last seven years we have passed a number of measures which the insurance fraternity requested. This fraternity is among the most favored taxpayers in America and every Congress passes further legislation requested by them.

The proposal I am offering is favored by the American Legion, the VFW, AMVETS, and the DAV, and I honestly believe that most veterans would prefer its passage more than any other bill that is likely to be passed in this Congress. I feel certain every veterans' post in America would favor the bill if both sides of the argument were explained. I have in my files hundreds of endorsements to bear this out.

When this bill was sent to the House last year it was rejected at a time when only a few members were on the floor. Congressman Teague has now assured me that he would be willing to permit the House to vote on this measure when it comes to the House again. I will appreciate your consideration at that time.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Russell Long

Veterans
Affairs

May 20, 1960

Mr. Edward H. Nakano
401 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu 14, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Nakano:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 16, 1960 calling my attention to the Senate Finance Committee's action in tabling HR 283, which provides for additional statutory award to veterans who have lost the use of one arm and one eye.

Inasmuch as this House bill has been acted upon in the manner aforesaid by a Senate Committee, I urge that you communicate your interest in this particular measure to our Senators from Hawaii.

You may be assured that I will do what little I can as a Member of the House to discuss this with Members of the Senate. In the event favorable action should be taken by them and in the event this matter comes back to the House for further action, you may be assured that I will do all I can for favorable action in the House.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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MAY 19 1960

401 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu 14, Hawaii
May 16, 1960

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the latest issue of the Disabled American Veterans' monthly newspaper. I came upon an article which interest me very much. The Senate Finance Committee has tabled H. R. 283, which provides additional statutory award to veterans who loss or loss of use of one limb and one eye.

I will appreciated it very much if you will take every measure within your power to have the committee reconsider the bill.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Very truly yours,

Edward H. Nakano

Edward H. Nakano

H.R. 4222
(Veterans Affairs)

May 2, 1960

Mrs. Margaret K. Heine
339 Elelupe Road
Honolulu 16, Hawaii

Dear Mrs. Heine:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 28th requesting my support for H.R. 4222 entitled "Veterans Educational Benefits Act of 1959."

This bill, along with others affecting veterans educational and rehabilitation problems, have been accorded hearings by the House Veterans Committee and are still scheduled for further hearings. The staff of the Committee has been requested to obtain additional data and information relative thereto. As yet, no definite date has been set for these proposed additional hearings.

Please be assured that I am in accord with the intent and purposes of this bill and will do all I can for its early and favorable consideration.

Mahalo and aloha.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE
Member of Congress

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339 Elelupe Rd.,
Honolulu 16, Hawaii,
April 28, 1960.

Hon. Daniel K. Inouye,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Old House Building,
Washington 24, D. C.

Dear Mr. Inouye:

I should like to solicit your support and kokua in H. R. 4222 which is an act to extend the rehabilitation and education program to all veterans subject to draft. I understand it is now pending in the House for disposition.

I am interested in this bill inasmuch as it will benefit my son as well as many other mother's sons, who have served some time in one service or another and have enough fortitude and foresight to continue their education, but lack sufficient funds to do so. My son served two years from Dec. 1957 to Dec. 1959 in the U. S. Coast Guard Service and in January of this year enrolled in Northrup Institute of Technology, Inglewood, California, to further his education. He is a graduate of St. Louis College, class of 1957.

May I hear from you as to the present status of this bill and will appreciate very much whatever you may be able to do in its successful passage.

Mahalo nui loa,


Margaret K. Heine
(Mrs.) Margaret K. Heine

24 March 1960

Forrest J. Pinkerton, M.D.
Ogden D. Pinkerton, M.D.
Suite 230 Young Building
Honolulu 13, Hawaii

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of March 11, 1960 arrived on my desk this morning.

I am sorry to inform you that H.R. 7966, a Bill "To amend section 601 of Title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing of needed services of optometrists to veterans having service-connected eye conditions" was passed by the House two days ago and it is presently pending before the Senate Veterans Committee. May I suggest that you immediately contact our Hawaii senators on this matter.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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MAR 14 1960

FORREST J. PINKERTON, M. D.
OGDEN D. PINKERTON, M. D.
SUITE 230 YOUNG BLDG.
HONOLULU 13, HAWAII

March 11, 1960

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Congress of the United States
425 Old House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Information has reached us that the House Committee on Veterans Affairs has endorsed H. R. 7966 to amend the definition of "Medical Services" which would include the services of optometrists. In short this classifies optometrical services as "Medical Services". Such classification seems fantastic to medical men who have devoted many years to the study of medicine or surgery and we cannot by the greatest stretch of our imagination understand why the services rendered by an optometrist are considered to be of a medical nature. We are Consultants in Ophthalmology at Tripler Army Hospital and have been for the past 22 and 14 years respectively. The classification above mentioned implies that these technicians are qualified and authorized to diagnose and treat eye diseases. We know of no state licensure law which uses such a description of an optometrist. The diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases constitute the practice of medicine.

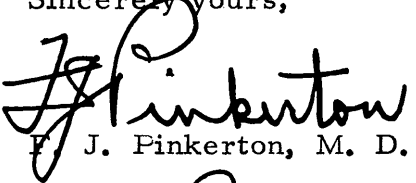
We believe that Veterans are deserving of the highest quality of medical care and we do not believe they will be getting such care if this amendment is approved. Service connected illness can be determined only by one who has proper medical training and judgment.

The accepted definition of an optometrist is as follows:
"A specialist dealing with measurement of the powers of vision and the adaptation of prisms or lenses for the aid thereof, utilizing any means other than drugs." At no time has an optometrist been declared eligible to diagnose and treat disease. In fact - were he to do so in Hawaii and elsewhere he would be guilty of violating the optometry law and could be prosecuted for practicing medicine without a license.

Letter to The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
March 11, 1960 - Page 2.

It is respectfully requested that you use your influence to educate those legislators who are not acquainted with the above facts and that you vote against H. R. 7966 to amend, etc.

Sincerely yours,


F. J. Pinkerton, M. D.



O. D. Pinkerton, M. D.

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Union Calendar No. 577

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7966

[Report No. 1308]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 1959

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MARCH 2, 1960

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

To amend section 601 of title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing of needed services of optometrists to veterans having service-connected eye conditions.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 601 (6) of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended by inserting immediately after "medical examina-
5 tion and treatment," the following: "optometrists' services,".

Union Calendar No. 577

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7966

[Report No. 1308]



To amend section 601 of title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing of needed services of optometrists to veterans having service-connected eye conditions.

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Veterans' Affairs
H.R. 9336

February 29, 1960

Mr. Henry J. Posten, Sr.
Commander, Honolulu Barracks No. 477
Veterans of World War I
Box 264
Nanakuli, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Posten:

This morning, I received a letter from our Lieutenant Governor, Jimmy Kealoha, urging me to support H.R. 9336, a bill that provides an appropriation for pension to veterans of World War I.

Please be advised that I have already placed myself on record in support of this meritorious measure and please be assured that we veterans of World War II fully realize and appreciate the great contributions World War I veterans have made in behalf of our nation.

Very sincerely yours,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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Veterans Affairs

February 29, 1960

Mr. Henry Posten, Sr.
Commander, Honolulu Barracks No. 477
Veterans of World War I
Box 264
Nanakuli, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Posten:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 19, 1960, informing me of the action taken by the Veterans of Honolulu Barracks No. 477, Veterans of World War I, endorsing passage of H.R. 9336.

Please be advised that I have already discussed this matter with Congressman Thomas J. Lane, the sponsor of said bill, and have assured him of my undivided support.

As a young veteran, it grieves me to see our elder veterans treated like forgotten brothers. You may be assured that I am in your corner.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

DKI:nk

February 29, 1960

Maude Dow McKee
President, Auxiliary
Honolulu Barracks No. 477
Veterans of World War I
Box 264
Nanakuli, Hawaii

Dear President McKee:

Thank you for your letter of February 19th informing me of the action taken by the Veterans of Honolulu Barracks No. 477, Veterans of World War I, endorsing passage of H.R. 9336.

Please be advised that I have already discussed this matter with Congressman Thomas J. Lane, the sponsor of said bill, and have assured him of my undivided support.

As a young veteran, it grieves me to see our elder veterans treated like forgotten brothers. You may be assured that I am in your corner.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

DKI;nk

February 29, 1960

Mr. Robert Levy
Adjutant, Honolulu Barracks No. 477
Veterans of World War I
Box 264
Nanakuli, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Levy:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 19, 1960, informing me of the action taken by the Veterans of Honolulu Barracks No. 477, Veterans of World War I, endorsing passage of H.R. 9336.

Please be advised that I have already discussed this matter with Congressman Thomas J. Lane, the sponsor of said bill, and have assured him of my undivided support.

As a young veteran, it grieves me to see our elder veterans treated like forgotten brothers. You may be assured that I am in your corner.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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FEB 27 1960

Friday February 19 1960

Hon. Daniel K. Inouye
Representative, United States Congress.

Subject: World War I Pension

The Veterans of Honolulu Barracks No. 477 Veterans of World War I of the United States and its Auxiliary, unanimously approved of House Bill H. R. 9336 introduced by Representative Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts. As this is a very important matter to all World War I Veterans, whose average age is 65 years, we ask your assistance in backing this bill up. In another 20 or 30 years how many of these Veterans will be living. Your help and support in this most important Legislation will be greatly appreciated. Hoping to hear from you soon, and thanking you for whatever you could do for us, we remain yours.

Henry J. Boston Sr

Commander

Maude Dow McKe

President - Auxiliary

Robert Levy

Adjutant

Box 264 Nanakuli, Hawaii

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9336

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1960

Mr. LANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of pensions to veterans of World War I.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "World War I Pension
4 Act of 1960".

5 SEC. 2. Chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting immediately below section 512 thereof
7 the following new section:

8 "§ 513. Veterans of World War I

9 "(a) The Administrator shall pay to each veteran of
10 World War I who meets the service requirements of this
11 section a pension at the monthly rate of \$100.

1 “(b) For the purposes of this section—

2 “(1) The term ‘veteran’ means an individual who
3 served in the active military, naval, or air service and who
4 was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other
5 than dishonorable.

6 “(2) The term ‘World War I’ (A) means the period
7 beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on November 11,
8 1918, (B) in the case of any veteran who served with the
9 United States military forces in Russia, means the period
10 beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on April 1, 1920,
11 and (C) includes, in the case of any veteran, any period of
12 service performed by him after November 11, 1918, and
13 before July 2, 1921, if such veteran served in the active
14 military, naval, or air service after April 5, 1917, and before
15 November 12, 1918.

16 “(c) Pension shall be paid to a veteran under this sec-
17 tion without regard to his annual income, whether derived
18 from payments of Social Security benefits, Railroad Retire-
19 ment benefits, pensions, annuities, or otherwise.

20 “(d) A veteran meets the service requirements of this
21 section if he served in the active military, naval, or air
22 service—

23 “(1) for ninety days or more during World War I;

24 “(2) during World War I and was discharged or re-

1 leased from such service for a service-connected dis
2 ability; or

3 “(3) for a period of ninety consecutive days or mor
4 and such period ended during World War I.”

5 SEC. 3. The analysis of chapter 15 of title 38, Unite
6 States Code, is amended by inserting immediately below
“512. Spanish-American War veterans.”

7 the following:

“513. Veterans of World War I.”

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9336

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of pensions to veterans of World War I.

By Mr. LANE

JANUARY 6, 1960

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R. 9336
Veterans' Affairs

February 27, 1960

Honorable James K. Kealoha
Lieutenant Governor
State of Hawaii
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Iolani Palace
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Jimmy:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 24, 1960, relative to H.R. 9336. I am very pleased to inform you that I am on record in support of this meritorious bill.

Maggie regrets that she was not able to join you and Mrs. Kealoha at breakfast. However, she hopes that she can make this up on her return to Hawaii.

Please visit Washington more often because your presence and that of your lady most certainly bring sunshine to our grey skies in Washington.

Sincerely and Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

DKI:nk

FEB 27 1960

JAMES K. KEALOHA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
IOLANI PALACE
HONOLULU

February 24, 1960

Honorable Daniel Inouye
Congressman from Hawaii
425 House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dan:

My attention has been called to HR9336 of the 86th Congress by Henry I. Posten, Sr., Commander, Honolulu Barrack 477 VWWI. This bill, introduced in the House of Representatives on January 6, 1960, provides for the payment of pensions to veterans of World War I.

I have reviewed this bill especially in regard to the amount of the provisions of the bill and know that its passage will bring relief to many of our veterans of World War I in the State of Hawaii.

I take this opportunity to recommend to you, and to ask your support by soliciting the support of your fellow Congressmen, to work for the passage of this bill.

I enjoyed very much my brief visit with you while in Washington recently, although we regret we did not have the pleasure of Mrs. Inouye's charming presence at breakfast. However, Mrs. Kealoha and I send our very best wishes to Mrs. Inouye and your good self and wish you God's blessings and guidance in the responsibilities of your important office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James K. Kealoha".

James K. Kealoha
Lieutenant Governor

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March 7, 1960

*Veteran
George -*

Nelson H. Murakami, O.D.
President, Hawaii Optometric Assn.
799 Kaa Highway
Pearl City, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Murakami:

Receipt of your letter of March 4, 1960 requesting my support of H.R. 7966 which provides for the inclusion in the definition of medical services in veterans benefits the services of optometrists, is hereby acknowledged.

The bill is presently on the House Calendar for floor consideration. I am certain that this bill will receive favorable consideration from my colleagues. Please be assured of my support.

With all best wishes to you and members of the association, I am

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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MAR 7 1960

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HAWAII OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

March 4, 1960

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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Inouye:

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Hawaii Optometric Association respectfully for your support in the passage of H.R. 7966.

The purpose of this bill is to afford veterans who are entitled to outpatient vision care, which can be furnished by an optometrist, the right to avail themselves of such service if they so desire. For thirteen years the Veterans Administration has employed optometrists in their facilities, but has denied veterans entitled to out-patient vision care the right to avail themselves of optometric services except in veterans facilities, notwithstanding the fact that he would much prefer to avail himself of the services of a local optometrist. The results have been great inconvenience to the veteran, increased expense to the Government, and depriving many veterans of vision care to which they are entitled.

Congress has not placed any restriction on the V.A. On the contrary, it has expressly included optometrists as members of the V.A. Health Care Team. Optometrists are commissioned in all branches of the Armed Services, and the Federal Aid to the Blind Program requires that the services of an optometrist shall be made available if desired by the beneficiary.

Notwithstanding this, the ophthalmological consultants have prevailed upon the Veterans Administration to deny entitled veterans the right to secure optometric services at Government expense on an out-patient basis.

We feel that this unjust discrimination should be corrected, and your work on behalf of H.R. 7966 will be deeply appreciated by optometrists throughout the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully yours,

Nelson H. Murakami

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cc: Mr. Morio Omori

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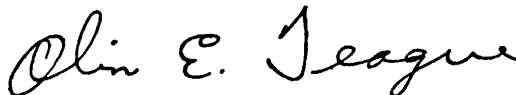
Dear Colleague:

In the past few days, numerous Members of Congress have contacted the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and have stated that they have received information to the effect that hearings will begin on March 15th on bills such as H.R. 9336, to provide a pension of \$100 a month to all veterans of World War I.

It has been the custom for many years, in the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to permit National Commanders of the congressionally chartered national veteran organizations, such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, and Disabled American Veterans, to appear before the committee for the purpose of presenting the legislative objectives of those organizations for consideration by the committee.

This year, for the first time, representatives of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., have requested an appearance such as that described above. Such an appearance by the National Commander of that organization has been scheduled for March 15th. Since the enactment of legislation to provide a pension of \$100 a month for all veterans of World War I is the primary objective of this organization, it is assumed that bills which would provide such a pension will be discussed.

Sincerely,



Olin E. Teague
 Chairman

March 4, 1960

Mr. John R. Holden
National Legislative Director
AMVETS
1710 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holden:

Receipt of your letter of March 2, 1960, calling my attention to Section 11 of H. R. 10213 which will provide an additional one billion dollars for FNMA's special assistance functions for the purchase of FHA and VA mortgages on lower priced homes, is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Please be assured of my interest and support of this provision.

Thank you and best wishes,

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M. C.

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March 2, 1960

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Committee on Banking and Currency
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Inouye:

It is our understanding that the Committee on Banking and Currency will soon consider H.R. 10213, the Emergency Home Ownership Act. This bill has already been reported favorably by the Subcommittee on Housing.

Because of our deep interest in assuring for the veterans of the nation an adequate housing program, we are particularly interested in the provisions of Section 11 of the bill. This section would provide an additional one billion dollars for FNMA's special assistance functions for the purchase of FHA and VA mortgages on lower priced homes.

The ever increasing shortage of mortgage financing for GI homes makes it essential that drastic steps be taken to alleviate the situation. The lack of mortgage capital has created havoc in the home construction industry and in related fields that are dependent upon a healthy housing industry for their continued economic well being. More important, however, is the effect upon the thousands of veterans seeking to purchase homes.

The Congress, in its wisdom, established July 25, 1960, as the date when the VA home loan program for World War II veterans will terminate. Despite the fact that statutory termination of the program is several months in the future, it has already expired prematurely for the thousands of World War II veterans now seeking to buy a home before the July 25th deadline. Korean conflict veterans must defer home buying plans with the hope that a more favorable climate will prevail prior to the termination of their program.

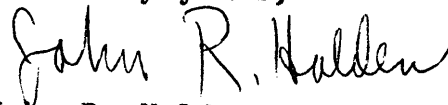
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
March 2, 1960
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In reviewing the experience following the enactment of the Emergency Mortgage Credit Act of 1958 when a similar fund was made available, it is noted that approximately three-quarters of the fund was used to purchase Veterans Administration mortgages. We believe that the enactment of Section 11 of H.R. 10213 will provide a similar stimulus to the VA home loan program at this time.

It is most unfortunate that artificial devices of this nature must be used to halt the slump in residential construction. The necessity for stimulating the flow of mortgage financing into the GI loan market, however, transcends in importance all other considerations.

Your support of H.R. 10213 when it is considered by the Banking and Currency Committee is earnestly solicited.

Sincerely yours,



John R. Holden
National Legislative Director

February 29, 1960

Mr. Eugene M. Eguchi
P. O. Box 607
Hilo, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Eguchi:

Many thanks for your letter of February 25, 1960, relative to H. R. 9601 which is intended to extend the Veterans Home Loan Program.

I've checked with the Committee on Veterans Affairs and have been informed that this bill is still pending. Please be assured that I will do all I can for its early and favorable consideration.

Please extend my best wishes to all the boys in DAV Chapter #6 of Hilo, and thanks again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely and Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M. C.

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Eugene M. Eguchi
P.O.Box 607
Hilo, Hawaii

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Hilo, Hawaii
February 25, 1960

Honorable Daniel Inouye
Representative State of Hawaii
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I am writing to you in regards to H.R. 9601 introduced by Mr. Teague and sent to Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The Veteran's Home Loan program for World War II G.I.'s will expire on July 25, 1960. I'm in the planning stage to construct a home and have inquired the various lending agencies but none will lend money on the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest rate of a G.I. Loan.

The only alternative was to borrow from the State Retirement System Funds set aside for such purposes but the \$2,000,000 has already been depleted. Whether the Trustee's of the Fund will allocate further funds is not generally known. Besides, my cut of date for a G.I. Loan will expire unless extended as Mr. Teague H.R. 9601 specifies to February 1, 1965.

You wouldn't remember me but I have met you personally number of times, being a member of DAV Chapter 6 of Hilo. I guess there are many more veteran's in the same predicament as I am when it comes to the construction of a home. I hope you will kokua us, using your good name and office to see that something is done for us, who were unfortunate not to have built a home during the past years.

Aloha

Eugene M. Eguchi

Eugene M. Eguchi

February 2, 1960

*Callahan Affairs
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Dr. Kenneth Y. Fujimoto
1234 Waimanu Street
Honolulu 13, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Fujimoto:

Receipt of your letter of January 12, 1960 relative to your interest in HR 7966 is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Please be assured that I am sympathetic with the problems of that bill whereby for purposes of veterans, the services of optometrists may be included in the definition of medical services.

You can be sure of my support when the matter comes up on the floor of the House for consideration.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

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OPTOMETRIST
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January 12, 1960

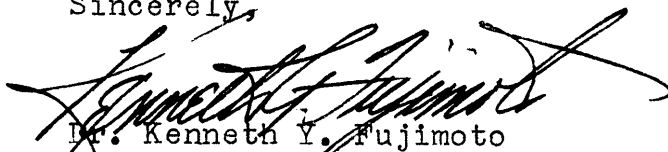
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Member of the House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Inouye:

I understand that HR7966 is on the agenda for the coming congressional session. We of the Hawaii Optometric Association would appreciate your support in the passage of this resolution. We are certain that the veterans of Hawaii are with us in hoping that you will react favorably to this because at the present time, optometric services are available at the veterans facilities, but servicemen entitled to outpatient vision care are required to go to an ophthalmologist or to a veterans facilities, notwithstanding the fact that he may prefer to avail himself of the services of a local optometrist.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this bill and best wishes for a fruitful term in the 86th Congress.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kenneth Y. Fujimoto
Immediate Past President
Legislative Chairman
Hawaii Optometric Association

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cc: Dr. Nelson Murakami
President
Hawaii Optometric Association

(dictated 1/30/60)
February 1, 1960

*Veteran's Affairs
(Legis. Mail)*

Brig. Gen. C.H. Karlstad, USA (Ret.)
112 Niuiki Circle
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear General Karlstad:

As a retired officer myself, my sentiments are with you. Please be assured of my support of the bill presently introduced in the House to correct the injustice you set forth in your letter of January 26, 1960.

I shall keep you informed as to future developments.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUYE, M.C.

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26 January 1960

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Inouye:

You know, I am sure, that retired personnel of The Armed Forces are being paid under two different scales - those retired before June 1, 1958 a lesser amount than those retired since June 1, 1958. In my grade - that of Brigadier General - the difference is substantial, equalling more than \$100.00 per month.

Prior to this discriminatory situation arising (Act of 20 May 1958) all retired officers were paid under one pay scale, the amount being 75% of active duty pay, less all allowances, or approximately 50% of all active duty compensation. This was a rule ^{of long standing} ~~of long standing~~.

The President of the United States has stated publicly that he favors elimination of this unfair provision, and that an amendatory Act be passed by Congress, returning those retired

before June 1, 1958, to their "first-class"
citizenship status effective January 1, 1960.

As of July 1959, 41 bills had been introduced in the House of the present session to correct this injustice, and 3 bills with numerous co-sponsors had been introduced in the Senate.

Your support in bringing this matter to the floor of the House and your favorable vote thereon is requested.

Sincerely yours
C. H. Karlstad

Brigadier General, USA, Retired
112 Niiki Circle
Honolulu 16

I established residence in Hawaii on
August 1, 1954.

January 7, 1960

*Veterans Affairs
(Legis. Mail)*

Mr. Haruo Nakano
363-E Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Nakano:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 6, 1960, expressing your interest in H.R. 283 which provides for an increased statutory rate of compensation for veterans suffering the loss or loss of use of an eye in combination with the loss or loss of use of a limb.

This bill merits much consideration. Please be assured that I will look further into it and do what I can to have action started on it.

Thank you again for your interest and for bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely and Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE, M.C.

JAN 7 1960

363-E Kilauea Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii
January 6, 1960

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With the second session of the 86th Congress to convene today. I would appreciate it very much if you will take action on H. R. 283 - Double statutory awards for loss or loss of use of one eye and one limb.

Very truly yours,

Haruo Nakano

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