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Like many who forever rest in these hallowed grounds, I was privileged to serve in the great crusade to rid the world of Fascism, totalitarianism, Japanese imperialism and German Nazism. This was considered a glorious war, a righteous war, one in which the cause of justice was clearly on our side. At the end of World War II, we veterans were greeted with huge parades -- the largest in New York City's history -- and in Hawaii, there were parades on every Island, luaus too numerous to count, and community parties to honor our returning heroes. It was a proud time to wear the American uniform.

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judicial		582	use of the insanity defense	AUG-02-82
judicial	missing children	603	wl; missing children act	OCT-04-82
labor		13	wl; oppose; davis-bacon act	JUL-19-79
labor		433	wl; oppose amendment that would codify enmons vs. u.s.	JAN-26-82
labor		452	wl; against labor unions receiving fed grants	MAR-02-82
labor		537	wl; davis-bacon act	JUN-09-82
labor	compulsory union dues	142	wl; prevent use of compulsory union dues for political activ	JUL-15-82
labor	support S.1182/LHW Compen	617	wl; sup. S.1182, Longshoremen & Harbor Workrs. Compensation	SEP-30-82
labor	union official exempt fro	386	wl; s.613 repeal U.S. v. Enmons	MAR-09-82
legis	fin and indus/banks	608	wl; depository institutions amendment of 1982	SEP-29-82
legis	fin and indus/banks	613	wl; banking bill for S&Ls and insurance companies	SEP-29-82
legis/natural resources/g		611	wl; wildernes act, S.2801	SEP-24-82
lists	calendars	196	wl; greetings 81 senate calendar	DEC-12-80
military	disarmament	21 R	wl; salt II; con	JUN-02-80
military	disarmament-salt	138	wl;SALT II contribution reply	MAY-28-80
military	disarmament-salt	140	wl;salt 2 toned down	AUG-26-80
military	disarmament (arms control	428	wl; nuclear disarmament	AUG-20-82
military	fort derussy	464	wl; sale of fort derussy and hale koa hotel (HI constituents	JUL-15-82
military	fort derussy	565	wl; sale of fort derussy and hale koa hotel(non-HI constitue	JUL-15-82
military	general	88	wl milciv relations council	DEC-15-79
military	weapons, arms, ammunition	271	wl; oppose sale of AWACS; USE ITEM 388 FOR P.S.	NOV-18-81
military	weapons, arms, ammunition	361	wl; in support of dki's position on awacs	SEP-25-81
military	weapons, arms, ammunition	388	POSTSCRIPT TO ITEM 271--LTR. ON AWACS	NOV-18-81
misc-legis		96	wl; support; nat. porcelain art month; july 1980	DEC-08-80
misc-legis		101	wl; support family protection act	FEB-11-80
misc-legis	anti-family protection ac	405	wl; against family protection act - s.1378	DEC-02-81
misc-legis	pro hatch--abortion; pro	555	wl; pro hatch; pro tuition tax	JUN-25-82
national defense	general	559	wl; president reagan's national defense program	JUN-29-82
natl resources	fisheries	147	wl;fur seal protection act	DEC-08-80
natl resources	fisheries	355	wl; steelhead trout, s. 874	OCT-01-81
nominations	fed dept and agency heads	391	wl; opposed dr. koop's nom. as surgeon gen. of u.s.	NOV-24-81
pacific islands/samoa		592	wl; fofoga o samoa meeting/oha	AUG-17-82
pacific islands	general/block grants	599	wl; social svcs block grant funding	AUG-26-82
philippines	casework	113	wl; philippine casework	MAR-28-80
political affairs	commission/political	604	wl; federal elections commission	SEP-10-82
pollution		343	wl; clean air act	SEP-24-82
pollution		427	wl; bottle bill s.709	DEC-28-81
post office		546	wl; mail order consumer protection amendments of 1982 (s.140	JUN-16-82
poverty	food stamps	304	wl; against food stamps for strikers	JUL-23-81
poverty	food stamps	307	wl; against dki vote on food stamps	JUN-30-81
poverty	food stamps	317	wl; anti-food stamp	JUL-10-81
pr	agriculture yrbk	118	wl; encl; 79 agri yrbk to school libraries	APR-03-80
pr	articles	339	wl; national health insurance	AUG-06-81
pr	congrats	11	wl; new citizens	DEC-07-79
pr	congrats	64	wl; hawaii state bar july	DEC-07-79
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	477	paragraph, return to a gold standard for u.s. currency	JUN-11-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	525	paragraph-multi-issue; budget effects on elderly, handicappe	MAY-27-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	526	paragraph-multi-issue; u.s. troops to central america	MAY-27-82

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pr	dki's views (multi issue)	535	paragraph; multi-issue; foreign aid	JUN-24-82
pr	dki's views (multi issue)	536	paragraph; multi-issue; buy america laws	JUN-07-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	538	paragraph; multi-issue; COLA	JUN-09-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	539	paragraph; multi-issue; PAY-CAP	JUN-09-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	540	paragraph; multi-issue; user fees	JUN-09-82
pr	dki's views (multi-issue)	573	paragraph; multi-issue; middle east situation	JUL-21-82
pr	high school debate topics	620	wl; ltr to high schools to accompany high school debate book	OCT-04-82
pr	publications and informat	119	wl; u.s. congressional record receipients	APR-03-80
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private 97th	immig	199	wl; fi; reintro private bills 97th beneficiaries	DEC-17-80
public works	general/honolua watershed	593	wl; honolua watershed project	AUG-26-82
publications	general	426	wl; cover letter for aquaculture directory	JUN-11-82
religion and prayer		606	wl; anti-school prayer amendment	SEP-10-82
religion and prayer	school	17	wl; voluntary prayer in school; con	FEB-03-82
sen own bill	95/s. con res 67	46	wl; encl; competitive rate program	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	96/s.915	55 R	s915 recognition of wwII philippine vets	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	96/s.471	67	fi; travel privileges for former armed forces members	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	96/s.1647 (internment)	429	wl; internment commission report	JAN-12-82
sen own bill	97/s.123	197	wl; direct reimburse. four trad. m h discp. under medicare	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.163	210	(formerly s.915)	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.107	242	wl; support s107 allow disabled amer vets fly on mil aircraf	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.j.res. 12	294	wl; support operating room nurses day	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.j.res 12	309	wl; support operating room nurse day resolution	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.153	316	wl; support displaced homemakers bill	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.124	335	wl; medical malpractice	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.965	341	wl; health care needs of native hawaiiains	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.641	344	wl; afdc work expense, s. 641	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.126	345	wl; asso. dir. for mental health w/in natl inst. of mental h	AUG-27-81
sen own bill	97/s.126-s.127	356	wl; asso. director for minority concerns w/in nimh	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.1608	357	wl; expansion of benefits for handicapped under champus	NOV-10-81
sen own bill	97/s.123	360	wl; direct reimbursement for mental health disciplines	SEP-23-81
sen own bill	97/s.j.res. 67	365	wl; status report on s. j. res. 67	OCT-02-81
sen own bill	97/s. 925	380	wl; transfer of nimh to nih	NOV-02-81
sen own bill	97/s.925	401	wl; associate director for minority concerns within nimh	NOV-30-81
sen own bill	97/s.2013	439	wl; support sen own bill s.2013 heroin use for terminally il	MAY-19-82
sen own bill	97/s.1665	441	wl; continue champus benefits after 65	MAY-03-82
sen own bill	97/s.163	454	wl; s.163 philippine bill status	MAR-09-82
sen own bill	97/s.385	463	wl; support r and t center for pacific basin	MAR-23-82
sen own bill	97/s.j.res. 67/nurse-midw	480	wl; nurse-midwifery week	JUN-11-82
sen own bill	97/s.j.res. 188	496	wl; national recovery room nurses week	JUN-11-82
sen own bill	97/s.2399/champus	497	wl; remove legislative restrictions from CHAMPUS	JUN-11-82
sen own bill	97/s.2463	501	wl; auth. psychologists to enter regular corps of usphs	OCT-07-82
sen own bill	97/s.2400/meat inspection	504	wl; s.2400 meat/poultry inspection	JUL-06-82
sen own bill	97/s.161-162	516	wl; nurse-midwife regs in fed. register	JUN-11-82
sen own bill	97/s.138/champus--vision	533	wl; DKI testimony on CHAMPUS before Sen. Armed Srvs. Cmte.	JUN-11-82
sen own bill	97/s.385/rehab research &	534	wl; fed regs on establishment of rehab resear & training cen	JUN-07-82
sen own bill	97/s.161-s.162/nurse-midw	542	wl; GAO -- nurse-midwives	JUN-10-82
sen own bill	97/s.2711	563	wl; hmo's will provide services of clinical psychologists	JUL-15-82
sen own bill	97/s2401/fisheries	500	wl; s.2401 fisheries development	OCT-04-82

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social security		109	w1; dki's views modif of soc sec prog to decrease benefits	JUN-11-81
social security		375	paragraph; dki's views on social security program	OCT-22-81
social security		377	w1; dole social security amendment	DEC-22-81
social security	gao rpt.	562	w1; gao rpt on social security cost of living increase	JUL-15-82
social security	gao study	311	w1; gao study re: soc. sec. program/ fed assist. programs	JUL-07-81
social security	retirement	279	w1; social security benefit reductions	MAY-06-82
state govt	dssh/child abuse	299	military child abuse initiative under defense/coast guard	SEP-21-82
telecommunications	h.r. 5158	481	w1; response to constituents re HR 5158, Telecom.Act	JUN-11-82
telecommunications	h.r. 5158	498	w1; support; resp to constituents re hr 5158, telecomms act	JUN-11-82
transportation	aviation/s. res. 454	619	w1; resp to const re reinstate air traffic controllers, s. r	SEP-30-82
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transportation	mass transit	547	w1; sec.13(c) urban mass transportation act of 1964	JUN-16-82
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