

# Legislative accomplishments: Accomplishments, by Congress: 96th Congress

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MEMORANDUM -- (copies to staff and Honolulu office)

TO : SENATOR

FROM: Gregg

SUBJ: ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 96TH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

1979-80

began 1/15/79

- 1) Defense Department in June began reimbursing for biofeedback therapy under CHAMPUS. Department was directed, in report accompanying 1979 Defense Appropriations to study such direct reimbursement (proposed by DKI).
- 2) Optometrists will receive direct reimbursement under CHAMPUS, through insertion in 1980 Defense Appropriations bill by DKI. Also provides for six-month pilot study of possible reimbursement to psychiatric nurses and other nurse practitioners. Hawaii may be the subject of the demonstration study.
- 3) Nurse midwives began receiving reimbursement under CHAMPUS in October, retroactive to Oct. 1978, under insertion to 1979 Defense Appropriations by DKI.
- 4) University of Hawaii School of Public Health awarded \$4 million contract with Agency for International Development in September, to be the principal academic resource for family planning training in Southeast Asia. DKI had supported UH proposal for three-year contract.
- 5) Immigration and Naturalization Service amended a question on citizenship application which unfairly discriminated against persons who had received mental health treatment, in response to DKI complaint.
- 6) Hawaii leprosy program will receive \$1.8 million in FY1980, the third annual increase of \$200,000 obtained by DKI in the Labor-HEW Appropriations.
- 7) Native Hawaiians included as minority groups with top priority under Minority Access to Research Careers Program, in report accompanying Labor-HEW Appropriations inserted by DKI.

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8) Bureau of Community Health Services, HEW, is directed to give priority funding to states with high-immigrant populations, including Hawaii, in DKI insertion to report of Labor-HEW Appropriations.

9) USS BOWFIN submarine transferred from Navy Reserve Fleet at Pearl Harbor to Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Assn. for restoration and opening as visitor site. DKI had provided initial support for group's request.

10) Military Property Requirements in Hawaii study released in mid-May, an update to Project FRESH study by Defense Department. Report details future military use of lands and notes future surplus property in Hawaii.

11) Lease approved between City of Honolulu and Navy for land near Pearl Harbor as site of fire training center and fire station. Five acres will be rented for \$1 for 25 years. Approval by Congress and Administration had been supported by DKI.

12) Central Accounting Office directed to investigate high rate of child abuse in Hawaii military community, in report language of 1980 Defense Appropriations obtained by DKI (member of Defense Subcommittee).

13) Competitive Rate Program for military shipping from Hawaii and Alaska is prohibited for one year, in the Defense Appropriations for 1980. DKI had similarly obtained one-year prohibition last session.

14) Military Construction Appropriations for 1980 includes \$33.53 million worth of projects in Hawaii, at urging of DKI (member of Mil. Con. subcommittee).

15) President in June signed Shipping Act Amendments introduced by DKI (S. 199) which crackdown on illegal rebating by foreign shipping carriers.

16) President signed DKI bill in November, granting authority for five cruise ships to operate domestically. One vessel, S.S. OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE, plans to begin interisland service in June 1980.

17) East-West Center budget for 1980 of \$14,667,000 is increase over 1979 budget of \$13.5 million, at request of DKI in State-Justice Appropriations.

18) Hawaii Federal Judicial Selection Commission established in January by DKI and Spark, to screen candidates for judicial appointment on the basis of merit.

19) DKI proposal added \$5 million to Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) programs under the Energy and Water Development Appropriations for 1980, for total of \$28.6 million for OTEC research and demonstrations.

20) Hawaii electric vehicle program of Hawaii Natural Energy Institute awarded \$366,000 federal contract for testing and research of 15 vehicles. DKI had supported Hawaii application to Dept. of Energy.

21) Commerce Dept. will sponsor Feb. 1980 Pacific Basin Development Conference in Honolulu, to discuss joint economic development ventures.

Also awarded \$80,000 to assess possible fishing programs in Pacific through National Marine Fisheries Service.

22) Economic Development Administration awarded grant of \$176,000 for supercold flash-freezer in Hilo, for shipping of sashimi to Japan. This is fourth fishing industry facility grant made by EDA in one year. All four were requested by Hawaii delegation (total cost \$1.25 million).

23) DKI chaired hearings on National Aquaculture bill in Honolulu and Washington DC for Senate Commerce Committee. Following Presidential veto of aquaculture bill last session, White House has begun study of national aquaculture plan.

24) US Dept. of Agriculture agreed to begin paying half of the cost of agricultural inspectors at Neighbor Island airports, starting April 1979, in response to DKI request. This allows air passengers to pre-check baggage for flights through Honolulu to Mainland.

25) President declared disaster on Big Island in February after \$5.8 million losses in flooding due to rains. DKI had visited stricken areas and asked for declaration.

26) Multi-Lateral Trade Negotiations considered reduction of US tariffs on imported canned pineapple, but decided to retain present tariff after opposition from Hawaii delegation.

Trade agreement, ratified by Senate, provides lower barriers for export of Hawaii products, such as nuts and flowers, to Japan.

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35) In recognition of Hawaii special needs, the US Flood Insurance Administration opened a Honolulu office in November to assist the implementation of the federal flood insurance program. Dedication attended by DKI and Insurance Administrator Gloria Jimenez.

36) US territories receive \$3 million appropriation for the Territorial Teacher Training Program for 1980, at request of DKI. The University of Hawaii College of Education may play an important role in this program, which allows the Commissioner of Education to provide teacher training through contract with an organization.

37) Hawaii is the subject of the first statewide study on foreign investment conducted by the US Office of Foreign Investment, in the Dept of Commerce, in cooperation with the Hawaii Dept. Planning and Economic Development. The December report is the first comprehensive ever done on foreign investment in a state. DKI authored the legislation which in 1976 established the Office of Foreign Investment.

38) Fish buoy program of the Pacific Tuna Development Foundation and National Marine Fisheries Service was assisted by DKI, who helped obtain surplus 3,000-pound anchors from the Navy for the experimental aggregation devices.

PENDING

1) Hawaii leasehold farmers would be eligible to participate in Farmers Home Administration loan programs, under a DKI amendment to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, redefining "owner-operator" to include "lease operator." The bill is in conference, but approval of this provision is assured.

2) Native Hawaiian Education bill chaired by DKI in Hawaii, passed Senate unanimously in November with DKI amendments slightly expanding bill coverage.

3) International Sugar Agreement ratified by Senate. DKI testified before Senate Foreign Relations Comm. in support. Implementing legislation pending in House.

4) Conference committee agreed to establish Presidential commission to study alcoholism problems of minorities, in response to Senate passage of DKI proposal to establish associate director for minority concerns within National Institute on Alcohol Abuse.

Still pending: DKI proposals for associate directors of minority concerns in National Institutes for Drug Abuse and Mental Health.

5) Hawaii exemption from the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) program was approved by the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources after testimony by DKI, Spark and Hawaii representatives. Now pending in Senate Finance Committee.

6) National Tourism Policy Act, to promote US travel and coordinate Federal programs, passed by the Senate unanimously in May. Introduced by DKI.

7) Senate passed bill to enable Hawaii and Pacific territories to form regional economic development commission to receive federal assistance. DKI introduced it and testified in support.

8) DKI introduced bill to establish commission to study possible redress to Japanese Americans interned during World War II.

9) Kahoolawe bill, by DKI, to provide pilot clearing project by Navy, pending before Armed Services Committee.

10) Bill to establish Native Hawaiian Claims Commission introduced by Spark and DKI.

11) DKI staff and Hawaii officials participated in Dallas, Texas, conference on problems of recent immigrants, which is expected to lead to administration policy on meeting the needs of immigrants.



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MARYLOU:

Attached is a list of accomplishments  
of DKI in 1980. I have shared copies  
with the Senator and Honolulu office.  
You may find it helpful.

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## 1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

### AGRICULTURE

Helped save the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service laboratory in Hilo from closing. The laboratory develops rodent control poisons to prevent losses to sugar and macadamia nut crops. Annual budget is \$174,000. (Pending)

Helped the University of Hawaii obtain a \$39,000 contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the possible use of Island-grown fruits and vegetables in combating nutritional problems in the Pacific Islands.

### AQUACULTURE

Author of the National Aquaculture Policy Act, signed into law on Sept. 26, which directs the Federal government to promote the development of aquaculture. Authorizes \$70 million for financial assistance programs over the next three years.

Helped the Systemculture Seafood Plantation, in Kahuku on Oahu, obtain a \$6 million loan from the Farmers Home Administration to expand its oyster-growing operations. The number of employees was increased by 38, to a total of 48, at the farm owned by Taylor (Tap) Pryor.

### ASIAN AMERICANS

Authored legislation signed into law on July 31 which establishes a commission to study the World War II internment of Japanese Americans and Alaskan Aleuts.

Sponsored the pending appropriation request of \$1.5 million for the operations of the internment commission.

Hosted the Asian/Pacific American National Leadership Conference dinner on May 22, at which President Carter expressed support for increased opportunities for Asian Americans.

### BUSINESS

Sponsored the Federal Procurement Conference in Honolulu on June 27, to provide information to Hawaii businesses on how to sell goods and services to the Federal government.

## 1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### COLA

Supported the continued payments of cost-of-living allowances to federal white-collar workers in Hawaii. This was increased for Oahu workers in 1980 to 15 percent (from 12.5 percent).

### CRIME

Helped the Neighborhood Justice Center of Honolulu, located in Makiki, obtain a grant of \$80,683 to expand its public mediation services throughout Oahu. The project, supported by the LEAA, is intended to settle disputes without legal action and before they escalate to possible violence.

Proposed Federal support for the Operation Green Harvest marijuana eradication program of Hawaii law enforcement agencies, through the LEAA.

### EDUCATION

Supported continuation of the Federal Impact Aid program, through which Hawaii's Department of Education is receiving \$15.5 million this year. The program is intended to ease the burden on public schools of Federal personnel who do not pay local property taxes.

Requested an East-West Center budget of \$15,752,000, restoring a House cut of \$352,000. (Pending)

### ENERGY

Authored an amendment to the Synthetic Fuels bill signed into law June 30, to provide \$1.2 billion for federal assistance to ethanol-producing plants, with priority to those powered by geothermal, biomass or solar energy.

Assisted the Hilo Coast Processing Co. obtain a grant of \$900,000 from the Department of Energy for an economic and technical study of a planned \$40 million plant to produce 27.5 million gallons of ethanol per year from molasses.

Helped the Pacific Resources, Inc., obtain a \$331,400 grant for a feasibility study of a proposed \$8.6 million ethanol plant on Oahu. which would produce 5 million gallons per year from molasses.

Requested legislation recommending possible transfer of Hawaii energy companies from Western region to Alaska region for federal royalty oil. Would make Hawaii eligible for more plentiful, cheaper Alaska oil. (Pending)

1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- 2A

Helped provide \$3.75 million for community solar demonstration projects through a floor amendment to the Energy Appropriations bill. Among the projects which will be considered for funding under this program is a Molokai solar energy proposal.

Commended by the WASHINGTON POST for his vote to support an oil import fee as a step towards energy independence for America. Was one of only 10 senators to support the President's proposed fee.

1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 3

Authored Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion bill, signed into law August 3, which establishes regulatory procedures for OTEC plantships under NOAA. Also extends to such facilities federal financing aid, including loan guarantees, that is available to shipbuilders. It establishes a \$2 billion fund for OTEC in the existing Federal Ship Financing Fund. Chaired OTEC hearings in Honolulu in April, and Washington in May.

FALLS OF CLYDE

Requested \$100,000 in federal aid to the historic sailing ship, which is owned by the Bishop Museum. The funds are needed to subsidize the operating losses of the ship, on display in Honolulu Harbor. (Pending)

FISHING

Helped obtain grant of \$195,600 for the University of Hawaii to develop South Pacific fishing industry in cooperation with the University of the South Pacific. UH will train fishing instructors and establish a baitfish facility for skipjack tuna fishing.

Assisted in other grants:  
\$109,000 to the UH to study ciguatera, a fish toxin dangerous to humans.  
\$41,000 to the Hawaiian Divers, Ltd. in Kailua-Kona, for a one-year project to study feasibility of harvesting and marketing deep-water shrimp, and establish a cooperative for cold storage.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Introduced legislation to limit amount that may be spent by government agencies in the last quarter of the fiscal year, to eliminate "spending binges" in which they attempt to spend their appropriated budgets. Proposal would limit final quarter spending to a proportionate amount of preceding quarters. (Pending)

Introduced contract disclosure bill, which would require federal agencies to state preparers of any study or plan issued by the agency. Also, would mandate disclosures of type of bidding used for consultant contracts, amount of contracts, and names of principle experts or consultants who work on reports. (Pending)

HAWAIIANS

Authored legislation increasing support for Hawaiian education, which led to establishment of Native Hawaiian Education Study Commission. The seven-member panel, chaired by Secretary of Education, will have two years to study special educational needs of native Hawaiians and recommend possible new Federal programs. Authorizes \$500,000 for commission expenses.

Helped make native Hawaiians eligible for economic assistance programs totaling \$1.5 million. One project funded was the Hikiola Cooperative, in Hoolehua, Molokai, which received \$100,000 (renewable for three years) to assist the marketing of vegetables. Other projects to be funded was a native Hawaiian community development project, and a technical assistance project to promote economic and social self-sufficiency among Hawaiians.

Authored legislation establishing an associate director for minority concerns in the National Institute of Mental Health, who would be responsible for coordinating research and Federal assistance to minorities -- including native Hawaiians -- in the mental health field. (Pending)

HEALTH

Chief supporter of Tripler Army Medical Center renovation project totaling \$140 million, to modernize and expand the facility serving the Pacific and Indian Ocean military forces. The first phase, costing \$84.5 million, is included in the Military Construction Appropriations. Phase one will construct a 450,000-square-foot addition adjacent to the TAMC main building.

Urged construction of a Veterans Administration facility for Hawaii, which the VA will be requesting in its FY 1982 budget. The 90-bed health center will include a psychiatric clinic and would be built on TAMC grounds.

Helped the UH School of Social Work obtain a \$372,885 grant to train graduate students to assist the mentally ill. The five-year project is expected to train 70-80 in this field.

1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- 4a

Assisted the State of Hawaii in obtaining a grant of \$850,000 for a long-term care demonstration project to aid the elderly and chronically disabled. State will work with Queen's and Kuakini medical centers to identify clients and provide services. The new program will be helping about 600 persons in Honolulu with homemaking, meal delivery, feeding and dressing.

Introduced legislation establishing Federal standards for a network of health care malpractice screening boards. Such boards exist in 25 states, including Hawaii. It attempts to control rising costs of malpractice disputes and claims by limiting size of attorney fees in these cases and introducing Federal standards for health care facility risk management programs. (Pending)

Helped the UH Medical School obtain a \$319,523 grant to train Pacific Island students in health professional careers.

Authored legislation directing the Defense Department to begin the direct reimbursement of certified nurse services, in an experimental program administered by the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

Supported studies by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of Hawaii's unique population. The NIAA will study Hawaii's prisoner population to determine the effect of alcoholism and drug abuse problems on convicts, and attempt to explore possible remedies.

It will study Hawaii's Japanese American community to compare it with Japan, which has suffered major problems with alcoholism.

Will begin a project dealing with alcoholism problems of Pacific Islanders, particularly Samoans, in their adjustment to life in Hawaii. This group has had unusually high numbers of alcohol-related problems.

Authored legislation directing the General Accounting Office to monitor the military community's attempts to reduce child abuse and spouse abuse cases in Hawaii. The review was requested after disclosures of unusually high proportion of family problem cases in the military population in Hawaii.

Sponsored discussions in Hawaii between public administrators and military commanders of this problem.

Received award from the Emergency Department Nurses Association for legislative contributions to the nursing profession, on Sept. 25.

#### IMMIGRANT AID

Helped the State of Hawaii obtain a \$600,000 grant from ACTION for a six-month demonstration project to aid the resettlement of Indochinese refugees in Hawaii. The project is to encourage volunteer efforts and coordinate programs of the volunteer groups and government.

Directed the Federal government to prepare the first comprehensive report on the health problems of immigrants and refugees in the United States. The report, submitted in April, showed that health problems included tuberculosis, skin infections, leprosy, iron-deficient anemia, and emotional problems of readjustment. (Hawaii has 68,144 recent immigrant residents, the highest per capita population of any state and four times the national average.)

## JOBS

Chaired Senate Commerce Committee hearings on the role of U.S. service industries in world trade, the first hearings ever held by Congress on this matter. Service industries--including tourism, banking, shipping, and transportation--account for 70 percent of all U.S. jobs and 60 percent of the gross national product. They face increasingly difficult competition from foreign industries, while the U.S. lacks any coordinated national policy. Proposed legislation directing that all policies be coordinated by the Commerce Department, in the service field.

Authored legislation to provide financial incentives to employers hiring displaced homemakers. The Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on this bill in March. It would add displaced homemakers to list of disadvantaged groups for whom employers would receive tax credits for hiring. (Pending)

Led Congressional efforts to maintain overseas offices of the United States Travel Service in six countries. The USTS promotes travel in the U.S., but has been proposed for elimination by the Administration. Annual budget is \$8 million. (Pending)

Principal Senate supporter of Tourism Policy Act, which would combine all travel-related functions of the federal government in a quasi-governmental corporation. The agency would be responsible for promoting foreign travel to the U.S. (Pending)

KAHOOLAWE

Helped appropriate \$600,000 for the Navy to begin a pilot demonstration for the clearing of Kahoolawe of unexploded ordnance, in the Military Construction Appropriations bill.

KALAUPAPA

Authored legislation establishing the Kalaupapa National Historic Preserve, which implements the recommendations of a citizens advisory commission. The legislation would ensure protection for the privacy of leprosy patients while Kalaupapa operates as a national park. Authorizes \$8.8 million. (Pending)

MARINE RESEARCH

Helped the UH Sea Grant program obtain a \$1.8 million grant from NOAA for the development of Hawaiian marine resources, research of marine life and fisheries, and deep-ocean mining.

Helped the UH obtain \$500,000 as one of three national marine studies sites. The funds for underwater research will operate the Makai Research pier, submersible vessel and support vessels, to study marine fisheries, water pollution and seafloor processes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Supported Congressional approval of \$130.7 million for Hawaii military construction projects, the second highest total for any state. Among the major sites receiving construction funds will be Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Schofield Barracks and Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Led Congressional efforts to retain the National Weather Service Pacific Region headquarters, located in Honolulu, which had been proposed for consolidation with the Alaska weather region. Closing would have meant loss of 11 Honolulu positions and transfer of 8 others, with reduction of services to Pacific Islands, which are included in Pacific region. (Pending)

Sponsored legislation included in the Higher Education Amendments bill, to provide federal land grant status to American Samoa and Micronesia community colleges. This makes them eligible for special federal endowments in lieu of land grant programs. (Pending)

PARKS

Helped obtain appropriation of \$675,000 for the Haleakala National Park, for the construction of restroom and sewage facilities. This had earlier been deleted by the House. (Pending)

Supported Kipahulu, Maui, residents in their request for a moratorium on the condemnation of land to expand Haleakala National Park.

Assisted in obtaining \$2 million for the State to purchase Rainbow Bay park in Pearl Harbor, for public recreational boating and fishing.

Helped City and County of Honolulu obtain \$600,000 for Hanauma Bay Park landscaping and development of new picnic and camping grounds.

SHIPPING

Received Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award from the United Seaman's Service, regarded as the most prestigious award in the maritime field, for contributions to the U.S. merchant marine.  
Received Vincent T. Hirsch Maritime Award from the Navy League.

Chief supporter of the Barbers Point Deep-Water Harbor, as a future harbor to meet Oahu's shipping needs. Pushed for \$700,000 appropriation for coordinated planning to preserve the endangered plant species discovered in the proposed harbor area.

Supported following appropriations:

\$758,000 for Hilo breakwater repairs and other maintenance work in Hilo Harbor.

\$352,000 for the Hilo Area Comprehensive Study, to evaluate navigational problems at Hilo Harbor.

\$265,000 for a comprehensive study of water problems throughout Hawaii, including harbors, beach erosion, flood control, and drinking water.

\$107,000 for design of major renovations at Kahului Harbor, Maui.

\$50,000 for advanced engineering of planned improvements at Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor, Hawaii.

The SS OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE began inter-island passenger cruises in Hawaii, under legislation authored by Senator Inouye which granted federal authorization for operations. Legislation was required for U.S. service because it was owned by a foreign firm after being built with Federal funds.

Led Senate passage of a major maritime bill which provides Federal assistance to the merchant fleet, through anti-trust immunity for ship conferences which set carrier rates, permits formation of shippers' councils, establish time limits on Federal Maritime Commission decisions on rates, and increases independence of the FMC from the executive branch. (Pending in Conference)

#### TAXES

Authored a bill and testified in its support before the Senate Finance Committee, which would provide increased tax credits for elderly citizens. Proposal would readjust existing elderly tax credits for those with little social security income, to a level more comparable to those receiving SS benefits or other tax-exempt retirement income. (Pending)

Received 100 percent rating for voting record on senior citizen issues, by the National Council of Senior Citizens.

#### TESTIFIED

In support of Mary Bitterman, as director of the Voice of America, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Bitterman, former director of Hawaii Public Television, was confirmed by the Senate on February 28.

On behalf of Mrs. Shimeji Kanazawa, who was appointed to the Federal Council on Aging. She was former chairman of the Hawaii Commission on Aging.

In support of U.S. Attorney Walter Heen before the Senate Judiciary Committee, on his nomination to U.S. District Court Judgeship. (Pending)

#### TRADE

Authored legislation resulting in a report of the Commerce Department on the level of foreign direct investment in Hawaii, issued in March. This was the first in a series of state profiles by the Department.

Led effort to continue staffing of the Office of Foreign Investment in the Commerce Department, which is responsible for monitoring and assessing foreign investments in the United States. The 10-member staff, costing \$370,000 per year, was considered for elimination by the Administration. (Pending)

WORLD AFFAIRS

Supported adoption of the SALT II Treaty with the Soviet Union.

Received Legislator of the Month Award for April from the Population Action Council for his strong advocacy of meaningful humanitarian aid to improve the quality of life in the Third World and his recognition of the need to control global population growth.