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# • Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:**

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

**date:**

**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The New Year's is a bittersweet occasion: a time to appreciate our blessings; reflect on the accomplishments and shortcomings of the past; and to prepare goals and anticipate problems of the future.

Hawaii has much to be thankful for. The Islands are blessed with natural beauty, a warm climate and rich soil, and our people are a friendly, hospitable mixture.

While we in Hawaii can be proud of the work of government -- county, State and federal -- to help preserve our Islands and improve the welfare of our people, there is surely no shortage of problems. It is all too easy for public officials like me to assure you with promises that our many urgent problems like inflation, crime and living costs are being tended to. And it is all too easy for citizens, given these assurances, to shrug your shoulders and let others make the decisions, and then complain about the poor job government is doing.

These problems will not go away, and they affect us all. We read that in Hawaii a violent crime is committed every 4-1/2 hours, that medical costs are bankrupting unfortunate families, that Honolulu is our nation's second-costliest city in which to live, and that the average cost of a home on Oahu is more than \$100,000.

I believe that the time has come for all citizens in Hawaii to face squarely the gnawing problems that threaten our Islands and erode our confidence in government. If each citizen were to take a few minutes to express his concerns to his elected officials; if each citizen resolved to attend and speak up at just one public meeting in his district, be it a community association, Neighborhood Board or PTA meeting; if each citizen became actively involved instead of just complaining to family and friends, the force created would set our wheels of government whirling.

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We have seen, in other states, the attempts of citizens to make changes through "taxpayer revolts" when they felt their concerns had gone unanswered too long. I suggest that a far more responsible, planned, cooperative approach to our problems is necessary if we are to reach meaningful solutions. I cannot promise that we will achieve solutions in days, months or even years, nor can I promise that the answers will please all. I do promise to listen.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** NEW STAFFER, OFFICE  
**date:** JANUARY 4, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Attorney Carolyn Sugiyama this week joined the Washington staff of Senator Daniel K. Inouye as a legislative assistant.

Sugiyama, 26, is from Kohala and a graduate of the University of Hawaii and Boston College Law School. She has been in private practice on Kauai and in Honolulu.

Inouye this week also moved from Room 442 of the Russell Senate Office Building to Room 105, a slightly larger office.

"Room 442 has held many special memories for me since my election to the Senate in 1962, but this move will allow the staff to better handle the large flow of work in the Senate and from Hawaii," Inouye said.

The office telephone number, (202) 224-3934, remains the same.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

**date:** JANUARY 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today announced the nominations of Robert J. Farrell, a St. Louis High School student, and Carl Kalauokalani of Kamehameha Schools to the U.S. Military Academy. Michael P. Bryant of McKinley High School is Inouye's principal nominee to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Farrell, of Kaopua Loop, Mililani, is the son of William and Dorris Farrell. Kalauokalani, of Akumu Street, Kailua, is the son of Haig and Darlene Kalauokalani.

First alternates to West Point are Francis K. Chun of University Avenue, Kamehameha Schools, and Neal Nakamura of Ponohana Loop, Aiea, Iolani High. Second alternates are Douglas T. Bell of Mott-Smith Drive and Edgar S. Kimsey of Kanalui Street, both attending Iolani High.

Bryant is the son of Roger and Joan Bryant, of Hawaii Kai Drive.

First alternate to the Air Force Academy is Charles K. Supe, Jr. of Kanaka Street, Aiea, Kamehameha Schools, and second is Diane J. Mason of Kawaihae Street, Roosevelt High School.

Nominated by Inouye to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy are: Matthew E. Hamilton, Damien High; Paul K. Kennedy, Iolani High; Barry C. Wong, Kennedy High on Guam; Frederick Ventura, St. Anthony; Donald T. Mori, Hilo; Richard A. Mahoney, Mililani; Kenneth J. Watts, St. Louis; Francis K. Chun, Kamehameha; Derek K. Iona, Kamehameha; and Mark A. Kirschenbaum, Aiea.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INOUE REAPPOINTED

**date:** JANUARY 15, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today was re-elected to the third-highest leadership position in the Senate -- Secretary of the Democratic Conference -- by Senate Democrats in their initial organizing for the 96th Congress.

"My leadership appointment provides important access and input at the highest level of this nation's government, and is a boost to Hawaii," he said.

Inouye said he intends to seek re-election to the chairmanships of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

"It is my decision to seek these positions because I believe Hawaii and our nation can be well-served by them. We all realize the essential roles that ocean commerce and tourism play in our State economy, while our mid-Pacific location casts us in an international role, spanning East and West, and makes our nation's foreign operations of concern to us."

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII PLAN EXEMPT  
**date:** January 25, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii's widely praised Prepaid Health Care Law would be protected from preemption by the Federal Employee Retirement Insurance Security Act (ERISA), under legislation introduced in Congress yesterday.

The bill proposed by Sen. Harrison Williams (D-N.J.), Chairman of the Senate Human Resources Committee, and Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), its ranking minority member, specifically exempts Hawaii's 1974 law from ERISA and identifies the plan as a model for other states to follow.

In August 1978 Hawaii Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, along with a group of Hawaii officials led by State Labor Director Joshua Agsalud, testified before Williams' committee in favor of such an exemption.

"The State has achieved nearly universal health coverage with very little outlay by the State government, with free enterprise carrying most of the weight, with individuals retaining freedom of choice in selecting health care practitioners, and with efficient cost containment by the major local carriers", said Inouye and Matsunaga in a joint statement to the panel.

The Hawaii plan is jeopardized as a result of a Federal court lawsuit filed against the State by Standard Oil Company of California, which successfully argued that the Federal ERISA program should prevent states like Hawaii from enacting their own plans.

The Williams-Javits bill (S. 209) exempts Hawaii from ERISA coverage, along with "any other state law which is determined by the Secretary (of Labor) to be substantially identical to such Hawaii law and require benefits which are substantially identical in type and amount to those required or permitted under such Hawaii law".

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Hawaii's law, which requires that employers provide regular workers with health insurance, now covers 98 percent of all Hawaii residents. Most of them are enrolled in plans offered by the Hawaii Medical Services Association or the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, two local non-profit health carriers.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:**

CHINA STATEMENT BY DELEGATION

**date:**

JANUARY 26, 1979

**release date:**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Hawaii Congressional delegation, in a joint statement today, expressed its "deep concern" over the effects of President Carter's China policy on future relations between the United States and Taiwan.

While normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China was long expected, "the delegation is deeply concerned that termination of our mutual defense treaty with Taiwan was accepted as part of the normalization package," the statement said.

Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga and Representatives Cecil Heftel and Daniel Akaka noted: "Taiwan has been a good and loyal friend for many years. We have long enjoyed mutually beneficial trade and cultural ties with the Taiwanese people and they have done nothing to hurt us. The sudden announcement that we were withdrawing diplomatic recognition and terminating our mutual defense treaty was thus not just a surprise but an action inconsistent with our basic notions of justice and fair play.

"Whether the President actually has the power to terminate the mutual defense treaty with Taiwan without consulting with Congress or seeking its approval is a matter the courts will ultimately have to decide. We believe that the Congress should not attempt to reverse the President's decision and it is our understanding that this is not what the representatives of the Taiwanese people are asking for. Instead, the Congress should do everything it can to see that our remaining treaties and other relationships with Taiwan are not disturbed, that Taiwan is able to carry on its diplomatic functions in this country without hindrance, that Taiwanese business and other interests here are protected, and that the people of Taiwan are permitted to live in peace and prosperity without interference from others."

The delegation members promised to carefully review the administration's legislative proposals to implement the new policy and assured concerned citizens "that every effort will be made to see that our policies do not disrupt or jeopardize our future relations with Taiwan or the security of the people of Taiwan."

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The delegation decided to issue a joint statement because of the many letters received from concerned Hawaii residents and because of the State's historically close relationship to the countries of Asia.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SUBCOMMITTEE CHANGE  
**date:** JANUARY 31, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today accepted an appointment to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HEW (Health, Education and Welfare). He will remain as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and a member of three other Appropriation subcommittees: defense; military construction; and state, justice, commerce, the judiciary and related agencies.

"I voluntarily relinquished my seat on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture for membership on this subcommittee because of the great impact in Hawaii of spending by the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare. Those departments this year are spending more than half a billion dollars (\$537 million) in the State through welfare assistance, public employment and other major programs.

"In addition, the Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee is responsible for handling appropriations for special native Hawaiian and immigrant health programs, and my presence on the panel provides us with a significant voice in future funding for these areas," Inouye said.

The subcommittee assignment change was made by Appropriations Chairman Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.).

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Inouye also serves on the Commerce Committee, Select Committee on Indian Affairs and Select Committee on Intelligence. He has been reelected Secretary of the Democratic Conference, the third-ranking Senate leadership position.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

LABOR SUPPORTS HAWAII LAW

**topic:**

FEBRUARY 6, 1979

**date:**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In a major reversal of its previous position, the Administration today said it favors special protection for Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Law from preemption by the Federal government. The Hawaii law enacted in 1974 requires employers to provide health care insurance to all workers.

Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall testified in a hearing of the Senate Human Resources Committee in support of legislation which would exempt Hawaii from the Federal Employee Retirement Insurance Act (ERISA).

"Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark M. Matsunaga, along with the delegation from the State of Hawaii, presented convincing testimony at last year's hearings that the Hawaii law embodies a unique and precedent-setting experiment in the provision of health benefits which is well worth trying. We are willing, therefore, to support this experiment," Marshall said.

The Labor Department had earlier ruled that the preemption clause contained in the ERISA law did include Hawaii.

Inouye said: "This step by the Administration is of major significance to both the State and the nation because it recognizes that Hawaii's mandatory health insurance law works, and that it can serve as a model for the future adoption of a nationwide health insurance law."

In the previous August 1978 hearing, Inouye and Matsunaga presented testimony stating: "The State has achieved nearly universal health coverage with very little outlay by the State government, with free enterprise carrying most of the weight, with individuals retaining freedom of choice in selecting health care practitioners, and with efficient cost containment by the major local carriers."

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

**date:** FEBRUARY 8, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today appointed three members to the newly formed Hawaii Federal Judicial Selection Commission, which assumes a long-standing responsibility formerly held exclusively by United States senators. The commission's charter was formally approved recently by Inouye, Senator Spark Matsunaga and the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Inouye's appointees are:

--George Chaplin, editor-in-chief of the HONOLULU ADVERTISER; former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (1976-77); and alternate U.S. representative to the South Pacific Commission. He will serve a four-year term.

--Mrs. Rose Kamuri Shigemura, chief executive officer of the Ritz Department Stores; first woman director of the National Retail Merchants in New York City (since 1967); first woman to sit on the Board of Governors of the Employers Council of Hawaii (1973-78), and member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce (1975-78). She will serve a three-year term.

--Alvin Shim, a private attorney and senior partner of Shim, Segal, Tam and Naito; former chairman of the State Bar Association's Committees on Judicial Administration and judicial ethics; and former chief attorney of the State House. Shim will serve a two-year term.

"I am very pleased that these three persons, who enjoy much respect in our community and who reflect a mixture of personal philosophies, have accepted these volunteer positions. They will help ensure that the judicial nominations submitted to the President to fill the vacancy of the late Judge Dick Yin Wong will reflect the broad diversity and concerns of our community," said Inouye.

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Three commission members are to be appointed by Matsunaga and three others by the Hawaii State Bar Association, to fill the nine-member selection commission.

Under the panel's charter, members must include lawyers and non-lawyers, and are ineligible for judicial appointments for one year following their service on the commission. Copies of the charter are being mailed to all Hawaii attorneys by Inouye.

The commission will screen candidates for future vacancies for federal judgeships and U.S. Attorney in Hawaii, and submit a list of qualified attorneys to the President, who will then submit his choice to the U.S. Senate for confirmation. Traditionally, the suggestion of eligible candidates was made by United States senators, who were also allowed to "veto" candidates during the confirmation process.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** PEOPLE'S STAMP  
**date:** FEBRUARY 13, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Constituents could use a special one-cent stamp for writing letters to their representatives in Congress, under legislation introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

"Recognizing the necessity of open communication between elected officials and the people, Congress adopted the franking system. We have neglected, however, to provide our constituents with a convenient and affordable means of access to their senators and representatives.

"Unfortunately, we must face the fact that many of our nation's citizens are forced to consider the purchase of a fifteen-cent postage stamp for the purpose of expressing a grievance, an opinion or idea, as something beyond their means," said Inouye.

The bill would provide for the sale of special penny stamps at all postal facilities and authorize funds to make up the loss in revenue to the Postal Service.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** PINEAPPLE TALKS

**date:** February 26, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Multilateral Trade Negotiations in which the United States is participating is considering a reduction in tariffs on imported canned pineapple.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has sent telegrams to U.S. Special Trade Representative Robert Strauss and Trade Ambassador Alonzo McDonald protesting this possible reduction because of the potential effect on Hawaii's pineapple industry. The tax on foreign canned pineapple--now 3 percent--may be lowered to 1 percent over the next 8 years, according to reports received by Inouye.

"Although some of our (Hawaii) production is for the fresh fruit market, the vast bulk of our production is canned pineapple, which will face new, cheap competition from the Far East," the Senator warned Strauss.

Ambassador McDonald replied that "a possible concession on prepared or preserved pineapple has become an important element in our bilateral negotiations with the Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand".

"We will certainly seek to avoid making concessions that will have a significant impact on the economy of the pineapple industry in Hawaii, and for this reason I have instructed my negotiators to again look closely at both the level of reduction agreed upon and the length of time over which the reduction may be spread to avoid any appreciable impact," McDonald said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INOUE HONORED  
**date:** MARCH 1, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye this week received honorary symbols of a Samoan high talking chief -- a "tootoo" (staff) and "fue" (switch) -- in recognition of his active support of legislation enacted last year which provides American Samoa with a delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

● Territorial Senator Mulitauaoepele Tamotu, in a Tuesday ceremony, presented the gifts along with a resolution adopted by the Samoa Legislature thanking Inouye.

American Samoa, a territory of the United States, has elected a special representative to Washington since 1970, but the representative had no official status.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** DISASTER REQUEST

**date:** March 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today joined Governor George Ariyoshi in asking President Carter to declare the Big Island of Hawaii a major disaster area as a result of flooding caused by heavy rains last month.

"I visited the area February 24, 1979, shortly after the heaviest rainfall, and can confirm from personal observation that damage was extensive," Inouye informed the president in a letter.

"The resources of the County of Hawaii and Hawaii's State government are inadequate to meet the needs of the people of this area to recover from the effects of this disaster," he said.

Inouye noted that the Big Island has also been stricken by a hurricane and drought in the past several months.

Declaration of a major disaster by the president would provide funds for the repair or replacement of public facilities, and loan assistance to homes and businesses damaged by the flooding.

Damage to public facilities totaled \$2.5 million and damage to private property amounted to about \$3.35 million, the Senator said.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INSPECTION PACT  
**date:** March 6, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye that it has agreed to pay half the cost of agricultural inspectors at Neighbor Island airports, in response to requests by Inouye and State officials.

The State now pays the entire cost of inspecting Neighbor Island air passengers' luggage, saving the inconvenience of having the luggage re-inspected when it is transferred onto transpacific flights at the Honolulu or Hilo gateway airports.

Inouye, in several letters to the Department, had argued that the Federal government should share in the costs because it is a Federal law that requires all Mainland-bound luggage be inspected for plant and insect pests. The Federal government now pays for inspectors at the Honolulu and Hilo airports, but not at Lihue on Kauai, Kahului on Maui or Ke-ahole on Hawaii.

The Department of Agriculture told Inouye it hopes to begin the cost-sharing by April 1, 1979.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:**

FLOOD ZONES

**date:**

March 7, 1979

**release date:**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Federal Insurance Administration today informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye that it will postpone the issuance of flood boundary maps for Hawaii until it has reviewed more information on tsunamis in the State.

Several specialists have been assigned to examine data submitted by Doak Cox of the University of Hawaii on local tsunamis before the final flood maps are issued, said Flood Insurance Administrator Gloria Jimenez.

She also informed Inouye that Hawaii designers and builders will be consulted in the development of federal standards for tsunami-resistant structures in coastal areas. The national engineering firm of Dames and Moore, which has been contracted to develop proposed standards, will visit Hawaii this month to meet with concerned Hawaii groups.

The Federal Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 requires that, in order to be eligible for construction loans, subsidized federal flood insurance or disaster relief, local communities must impose special development codes within Federal guidelines for areas designated as flood hazard zones.

Inouye, in a January 24 letter to Jimenez, had argued that Hawaii's special tsunami problems should be considered before the Federal government identified flood hazard zones and set construction standards for those zones. Local government officials and private groups had expressed similar concerns.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** TOURISM FUNDS  
**date:** MARCH 9, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate yesterday approved legislation sponsored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye which would save U.S. tourist promotion offices in several foreign countries, including Japan.

The Administration's proposed 1980 fiscal year budget eliminated all foreign promotion by the U.S. Travel Service (USTS) in the Department of Commerce. It requests only \$3 million to continue limited USTS operations, which now total about \$14 million annually.

The measure (S. 233) introduced by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Senator Howard Cannon (D-Nev.) and Inouye, Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, would authorize \$8 million for the 1980 fiscal year, beginning October, to continue foreign tourist promotion while cutting back the number of Washington-based USTS employees.

Total foreign tourist spending in the U.S. for 1977 was about \$7.2 billion, noted Inouye, who chaired Senate hearings in early February on the measure. It has been estimated that this year, some 720,000 foreign visitors and \$275 million of their spending can be directly attributed to USTS promotion work, he noted.

The Cannon-Inouye bill would continue six USTS field offices in Japan, Canada, Mexico, West Germany, France and the United Kingdom, in addition to continuing limited marketing efforts in several South American and European countries.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** GRANTS APPROVED  
**date:** MARCH 22, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Department of Housing and Urban Development today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye of the approval of several community development block grant projects in Hawaii.

They are:

--\$400,000 for the revitalization of downtown Hilo. It provides funds for planning, acquisition, relocation and site clearance of 10 blocks in the Ponahawai area in the central downtown area.

--\$288,500 to the County of Kauai for the construction of a 1-million gallon concrete water tank and connecting 12-inch pipeline in Lihue. The increased water capacity will enable the construction of more low and moderate-income housing in the area.

--\$229,500 for the construction of improvements to low and moderate income housing in Kahului, in Maui County.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INOUE APPOINTED  
**date:** MARCH 22, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Daniel K. Inouye today accepted reappointment to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, which supports cultural, artistic and scholarly interchange between the two nations.

The Commission, which has an annual budget of \$1.5 million, has provided funds for Japanese language studies by American graduate students, library support grants in Japan and the United States, and the annual exchange of 10 Japanese and American artists.

It was established by law in 1975, with income derived from a \$30 million trust fund created from Japanese payments for U.S. facilities on Okinawa when the island was turned over to Japan.

There are four Congressional representatives on the 18-member Commission, which includes members from various fields in the United States. Inouye was named to the body by Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd..

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** MOVING INDUSTRY STUDY

**date:** MARCH 28, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today urged Hawaii's household moving industry to participate in a Senate Commerce Committee study of the industry, and Federal laws and regulations covering it.

The study is being conducted by committee staff in preparation for full committee hearings in late May.

"As a member of this committee, I have asked that Hawaii's unique situation and the impact of the military's proposed Competitive Rate Program be considered in this study. The public and members of the moving industry in Hawaii should take advantage of this opportunity to express their concerns for the future existence of a healthy moving industry in the Islands," Inouye said.

The Department of Defense, as a result of a provision inserted into the Defense Appropriations Bill last Congress by Inouye, is prohibited for one year -- until October, 1979 -- from imposing the competitive rate program in Hawaii and Alaska.

It was argued that applying competitive bidding on military household moving only in non-contiguous U.S. areas would be discriminatory; that it could drive smaller moving firms out of business; and that a current Defense Department study of the program's impact should be finished before a final decision is made.

Submissions of information to the Senate Commerce Committee study can be made through Inouye, at his United States Senate office in Washington, D.C. 20510, or directly to the Commerce Committee.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROPOSAL  
**date:** April 5, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As an incentive for the employment of displaced homemakers, (those who have been subjected to the death of a spouse, divorced, or separated), employers would be given a federal tax credit for every displaced homemaker hired, in a Senate Bill recently introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The legislation was introduced with the intent to "aid a group of people whose contribution to the nation's economic stability has been overlooked far too long," Inouye said in a floor statement.

"Because of her prolonged absence from the labor force, she is at a disadvantage when circumstances force her to compete in the job market with younger, and more experienced men and women.

"This bill would give displaced homemakers a boost in their efforts to reenter the work force or to enter it for the first time by offering a tax credit to employers who hire them," the Senator said.

"It would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to add displaced homemakers to the list of people already targeted to benefit from this program, such as economically disadvantaged youth, welfare recipients, Vietnam-era veterans from economically disadvantaged families and economically disadvantaged ex-convicts."

The bill would provide employers with a \$3,000 credit per trainee for the first year and \$1,500 for the second year.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** KAHOO LAWE PROPOSAL

**date:** APRIL 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Navy would be instructed to develop the technology to render Kahoolawe safe for human habitation, and to conduct a pilot project using this knowledge, in a Senate bill proposed today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

"It is inconceivable to allow an entire 45-square-mile Island, in a State in which land is exceptionally precious, to remain permanently an uninhabited monument to the requirements of our national security," Inouye said in a floor statement.

The 1953 Executive Order under which Kahoolawe was taken over by the Federal government required that when the U.S. Navy decided that the area was no longer needed, the Island would be rendered reasonably safe for human habitation without cost of Hawaii, and returned to State jurisdiction.

"Substantial progress is being made in the eradication of goats and in undertaking a program of soil conservation. These measures are first priority. Also, progress is being made in the discovery and protection of significant archeological sites.

"However, no progress has been made in rendering the Island reasonably safe for human habitation. Surprisingly, the technology has not yet been developed for clearing a large land mass like Kahoolawe and its surrounding waters of unexploded ordnance," Inouye said.

A. U.S. Navy study conducted under a directive inserted by Inouye to the 1975 military construction appropriations bill estimated that it would take up to six years and \$130.7 million to clear the Island of ordnance.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ANNOUNCES  
STATEWIDE MEETING SCHEDULE

**date:** APRIL 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, and Representatives Daniel Akaka and Cecil Heftel, today announced their schedule for meetings in the Islands during the Congressional Easter recess this month.

This is the third year in which the delegation has traveled together to meet with State and county officials. This year they will also meet with military and Federal agency representatives in Hawaii.

## MONDAY, APRIL 16

Meet with Governor Ariyoshi and Cabinet in the Governor's Capitol office; with Lt. Governor Jean King in the Lieutenant Governor's office; with State Senate Majority members in the majority caucus room; and with State Senate and House Minority members in the House minority caucus room. These meetings will also include lunch and a military briefing at CINCPAC Headquarters.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Meet with State House Majority members; with Honolulu Mayor Fasi and Cabinet in the Mayor's office; with Honolulu City Council in Chairman Pacarro's office; with Federal law enforcement officials, Federal Judge Martin Pence and U.S. Attorney Walter Heen in Federal Courtroom #4; and with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials in Federal Building Room 6113.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Meet with Maui County officials in Maui Council Chambers and fly to Kona for lunch and meeting with Kailua-Kona hotel and business leaders in King Kamehameha Hotel. This will be followed by a visit to Kaloko Pond and Honokohau Park, and then to Honokaa and the Hilo Coast Processing Company and that evening a dinner meeting with Hawaii County officials.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Luncheon meeting with Kauai County officials in the Kauai Surf Hotel. Return to Honolulu to meet with U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in Federal Building Room 6113; with U.S. Customs officials, Room 6113 and with Hawaii National Guard officials, Room 6113.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Meet with Hawaii State Teachers Association officials in Federal Building Room 7323.

Decisions on opening the various discussions to the news media will be left to the group with which the Hawaii Congressional delegation is meeting.

The delegation plans to meet later in the year with other groups in the State.

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:**

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE FOR HAWAII

**date:**

APRIL 5, 1979

**release date:**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today expressed new hope for regional strategic storage of petroleum and jet fuel reserves in Hawaii as a result of the President's new energy message.

In that message the President is asking for a total of 3 million barrels of storage; 2.3 million of crude and 700,000 barrels of jet fuel, to be financed out of receipts from the new windfall profits tax on oil companies.

"I am most pleased that the President has given us renewed hope" said Senator Inouye. "While this will not meet Hawaii's needs for our full storage complement it is a good beginning."

The windfall profits tax, which is to be the source of the revenue to pay for the storage, is scheduled to begin January 1, 1980, according to the Administration's proposal. Congressional action will be necessary for imposition of the tax.

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN EDUCATION PROPOSAL

**date:** APRIL 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today introduced a measure intended to improve educational opportunities for native Hawaiians through Federal financial assistance and programs.

The Native Hawaiian Education Act--identical to one passed unanimously last year by the Senate, but not acted upon by the House--would provide Federal formula grants to schools based on the number of Hawaiian students, for college scholarships for professional studies, and adult education and job training.

It authorizes \$16.5 million for the fiscal year beginning October 1979 for grants and scholarships, and \$63.6 million for the following year. There are an estimated 34,400 Hawaiian students attending schools in Hawaii.

"The majority of native Hawaiian youths, like their elders, are victims of a negative stereotype of the Hawaiian that has developed over the years. A fear has developed among the Hawaiians, a fear of learning, an apprehension of taking any kind of risk."

"Native Hawaiian leaders have come to realize that if their people are to ever gain self-determination, this fear of education must first be overcome. They wish to see programs established that will minimize the Hawaiian child's apprehensions, improve his self-concept and thus expand his freedom to learn", Inouye said in a floor statement.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** PACIFIC ISLAND REGIONAL COMMISSION

**date:** APRIL 6, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today urged action by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to permit the Pacific U. S. Island territories to join with Hawaii to form a Regional Economic Development Commission. This can be achieved by a proposed change in the Public Works and Economic Development Act which would permit American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas to become eligible under Title V of the Act. Under current law only states are eligible.

In supporting the change Senator Inouye states, "it has long been the hope of the Governors of Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Territories that they be afforded a vehicle enabling effective policy and program coordination on development issues of mutual concern and a forum for the exchange of advice and information".

"I believe that the regional commission concept can provide that vehicle and thus can significantly contribute to the improved welfare of American's Pacific Island people."

"Each area included in a region should logically share some common development problems and objectives and, be linked by geographic, cultural, historical and economic background. Such links definitely exist between Hawaii and the Pacific Territories," Inouye said.

The best known and earliest regional commission in the U.S. created in 1965, is the Appalachian Regional Commission. That Commission received more than 3 billion dollars in Federal funding between 1965 and 1977. It has served as a model for subsequent commissions.

Inouye stated that, "A Pacific Island Regional Commission would enhance the ability of the participating areas to coordinate activities, programs and problem solving."

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** OFFICE OF MINORITY CONCERNS PROPOSAL

**date:** APRIL 9, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today introduced a measure to establish an Office of Minority Concerns within the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

The proposed legislation will establish an office that will develop effective utilization of knowledge about the nation's minorities and their problems in coping with and adapting to society's stresses.

In supporting the establishment of the Office, Senator Inouye stated "The Office will be expected to aggressively emphasize the training of (a) minority mental health workers, (b) researchers from minority groups, and (c) persons serving bicultural and bilingual groups".

"Minorities face specific problems in the alcoholism and drug abuse areas, especially since these problems are compounded by poverty and racism."

"Many experts also have emphasized that although there is a disproportionately high level of schizophrenia, alcoholism and drug abuse in these populations, the actual number of minority mental health professionals and behavioral scientists remains distressingly low", Inouye said.

Inouye also urged that the physically handicapped receive increased attention. He stated that "this population often faces overt discrimination and lack of access to the mainstream of American society, and are most vulnerable to the devastation of mental illness, drug abuse, and alcoholism".

The proposed Office, according to Senator Inouye will "improve the Minority Mental Health in America and eliminate institutional indifference which has pervaded America's societal structure and impaired the mental health, not only of minorities, but of all Americans".

**news from**

**Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** ELECTRIC HYBRID PROGRAM

**date:** April 16, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Energy today informed Senator Inouye that the Natural Energy Institute at the University of Hawaii has been selected to begin negotiations for the Electric Hybrid Program.

If the University of Hawaii successfully negotiates with the Department of Energy, the program will establish a cost sharing cooperative agreement to purchase a select number of vehicles. These vehicles will run on electric power, which would replace automobiles currently operating on fuel combustion.

The University of Hawaii is one of two institutions of higher learning, the other being the University of Tennessee, chosen for this contract negotiation.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SENATORS HONORED

**date:** MAY 2, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Japanese American Citizens League will honor Senator Daniel K. Inouye tomorrow for his leadership role in promoting the passage of a joint Congressional resolution designating the week beginning Friday, May 4, as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.

The JACL reception also honors Senator Spark Matsunaga, the other prime Senate sponsor of the legislation last session.

President Carter's executive proclamation issued March 29, 1979, credited Asian Americans with playing "a significant role in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic America, with their enormous contributions to our science, arts, industry, government and commerce."

In a recent Senate floor statement, Inouye said the week honors more than two million Americans descended from Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Pilipino ancestors, along with native Hawaiians, and those Americans from Samoa, Fiji and Tahiti.

"But let us not forget that terrible injustices and discrimination have been faced by this minority throughout American history.

"Of particular importance this year is the quest for redress by the Japanese Americans for their unjustified internment during World War II. Moreover, the native Hawaiians are also seeking redress for the unlawful takeover of their government and lands in the 1890s," Inouye said.

May 7, 1843, marked the first entrance of Japanese agricultural laborers into the United States.

May 10, 1869, was the completion date of the first trans-continental railroad linking the United States coasts, built largely by Chinese workers.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** MINORITY ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

**date:** MAY 8, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Special Federal attention would be paid to alcoholism and drug abuse problems among ethnic minority groups under legislation sponsored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye and passed by the Senate yesterday.

Also, native Hawaiians and native American Pacific Islanders would be included in a new center to study alcoholism among native Americans, under the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, U.S. Public Health Service.

The minority alcohol abuse office and native American center would be established by amendments to the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act.

The special office for minority needs in the National Institute on Drug Abuse would be established by the Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1979, also passed yesterday in the Senate.

"Minorities comprise 17 percent of America's population, but suffer disproportionately high rates of alcoholism, drug abuse, and other health problems, perhaps due to continuing discrimination and prejudices within our society.

"Health studies clearly show the need for special attention to these problems. These legislative actions would significantly increase Federal assistance to this underserved population, and help to remedy this serious problem," Inouye said.

An associate director for underserved populations would be appointed, under the measures, within the existing alcoholism and drug abuse institutes to study the effects of discrimination, increase health service to minorities and encourage more minority training and employment in health care fields.

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The two-year center for alcoholism concerns of native Americans, specifically including native Hawaiians and native American Pacific Islanders, would study the reasons for excessively high rates of alcoholism among native Americans; compare these rates to other minorities; examine factors such as education and employment which may contribute to alcohol problems; and identify the most effective methods of combatting alcoholism among native Americans.

The legislation will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** STRIKE END URGED

**date:** MAY 10, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye, in a Senate floor speech today, urged striking employees and management of United Airlines to end their labor dispute because of the serious impact the strike is having on Hawaii and other areas.

"No single group of employees and no single company can be permitted to so severely impact the economic health and welfare of a large number of innocent third parties for any extended period of time without the government being forced to take action -- action which may well place further limits on free collective bargaining to the ultimate disadvantage of both free labor and free management.

"The time has come for both the largest of our domestic airlines and for the powerful International Association of Machinists Union to make a renewed and meaningful effort to bring this strike to an early conclusion. Our patience is being sorely tried," said Inouye, who chairs the Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism.

He noted that the strike since March 31 has cost 3,000 workers in tourist-related fields in Hawaii their jobs; the loss to Hawaii of \$35 million worth of business last month; and \$5 million in State tax revenues.

"For any member from the Mainland to fully appreciate what this strike means to Hawaii, that member would have to visualize a cut-off of almost 50 percent of the transportation in and out of his state by any means: auto, train or bus; as well as by air. We have no means of reaching or leaving Hawaii except by air," Inouye told his Senate colleagues.

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**Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN EDUCATION HEARINGS

**date:** May 14, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye will chair hearings of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs on Kauai and Oahu this month on the proposed Native Hawaiian Education Act.

The hearings will be on May 30 at U.S. Courtroom #4 in the Prince Kuhio Federal Complex from 9 a.m. to noon, and May 31 in the Kauai Regional Library in Lihue from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

"The purpose of these hearings is to clearly establish the desire and support, on the part of the native Hawaiian community, for educational programs that would reverse the apprehension towards learning that has developed among many Hawaiian youth."

"If native Hawaiians, as a group, are ever to improve their self-esteem and economic opportunities, this fear of failure must first be overcome, with the help of programs such as these," Inouye said.

The measure, introduced by Inouye, would provide Federal formula grants to schools based on the number of Hawaiian students, college scholarships for professional studies, and adult education and job training programs.

It passed the Senate last session, but was not acted upon by the House, killing it for the 95th Congress.

The committee last year held hearings on other Neighbor Islands on several proposals to include native Hawaiians in Federal assistance programs.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** TOURIST POLICY ADOPTED

**date:** May 14, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today unanimously passed and sent to the House, a measure establishing a National Tourism Policy to promote U.S. travel and coordinate Federal programs dealing with tourism and recreation.

The measure established a Cabinet-level coordinating council composed of 18 department and agency directors with tourism-related programs.

It also creates a federally funded, non-profit organization to promote travel in the United States, authorizing \$9.5 million in this effort, which replaces the U.S. Travel Service.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, headed the five-year Senate effort to study and recommend a national tourism policy.

"The enactment of this plan would provide the United States with the most advanced and effective tourist promotion system in the world. This coordinated effort is now sadly lacking, for an industry that accounts for \$115 billion in annual consumer spending and the employment of 5 million people.

"The studies and hearings since 1974 have shown that there is no existing U.S. plan for tourism, and that Federal efforts relating to tourism are confused, ineffective and wasteful," Inouye said.

Under the measure, a National Tourism Policy Council chaired by the President's domestic policy adviser, would monitor Federal agencies' compliance with tourism and recreation goals, resolve conflicts between tourism-related programs, and end duplication of efforts.

A U.S. Travel and Tourism Development Corporation would promote tourism, provide research, assist local-Federal planning, create an information clearinghouse and coordinate development of tourist attractions.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAII PLAN SAVED  
**date:** MAY 16, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee today approved protection for Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act from preemption by the Federal government.

In a committee mark-up session on amendments to the Federal Employee Retirement Insurance Act (ERISA), members of the panel agreed to a special exemption for Hawaii from ERISA, which is intended to provide national standards for employee health benefits.

The next step is completion of the markup of other sections of the amendment measure, then approval by the Senate Finance Committee, before transmittal to the Senate floor.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) introduced legislation during the last session providing a Hawaii exemption and had, with Senator Spark Matsunaga and representatives from the Governor's office and the Hawaii State Federation of Labor, testified before the committee in favor of protecting Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act.

"The Labor and Human Resources Committee deserves much praise for recognizing the unique and progressive Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act, which provides health insurance to 95 to 98 percent of our residents," Inouye said. Senators Harrison Williams, Chairman of the committee, and Ted Kennedy deserve special credit for actively arguing Hawaii's case to the committee, he said.

Without special protection, and based on court rulings, the Federal ERISA program would preempt Hawaii's law.

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** FEDERAL JUDGE CANDIDATES

**date:** MAY 22, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

"Pursuant to the provisions set forth and prescribed in the contract establishing the Hawaii Federal Selection Commission for Federal Judicial Appointments and United States Attorneys, the Commission, after having duly considered all applicants, has submitted the following three names:

-- Masato Doi, 58, former judge in the First Circuit Court of Hawaii and now in private practice.

-- Walter M. Heen, 51, former First Circuit Court Judge and now U.S. Attorney for Hawaii.

-- Harold W. Nickelsen, 55, former Third Circuit Judge and now an attorney with the law firm of Hamilton, Gibson, Nickelsen, Rush & Moore.

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

Attached is a copy of their letter to President Carter.

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May 22, 1979

The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

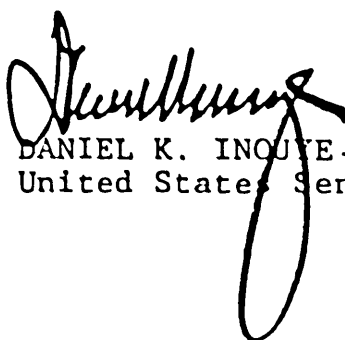
In January 1979, we entered into a contract with the Hawaii State Bar Association to create and establish the Hawaii Federal Selection Commission for Federal Judicial Appointments and United States Attorneys. This was the culmination of work begun one year prior to the creation of the charter, a copy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

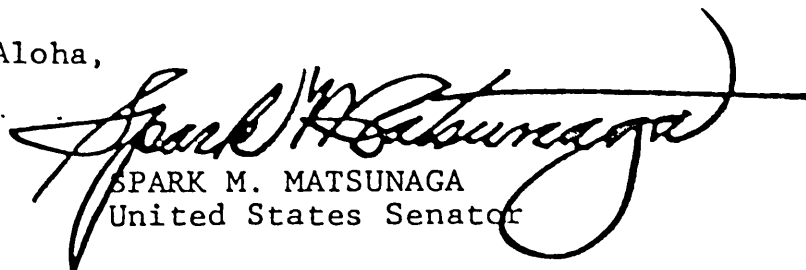
Pursuant to this charter, the commission members were selected and have, in turn, submitted to the two Hawaii senators their recommendations for a successor to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Federal District Court Judge Dick Yin Wong.

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

Masato Doi  
Walter Heen  
Harold Nickelsen

Aloha,

  
DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

  
SPARK M. MATSUNAGA  
United States Senator

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** ANTI-REBATE BILL PASSES

**date:** MAY 24, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate yesterday unanimously passed and sent to the House a measure aimed at halting widespread illegal rebating by foreign carriers in U.S. ocean shipping.

The bill was introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism.

"Illegal rebating by foreign carriers, estimated at \$100 million a year, is a primary factor in the deterioration of the U.S. merchant marine, by providing an unfair advantage to those carriers," said Inouye (D-Hawaii). The U.S. merchant marine fleet now ranks 10th in both number of ships and total tonnage.

The rebates, in the form of cash payments or free services, provide a method of attracting cargo away from competing shipping lines. Shipping to and from the U.S. is particularly susceptible to illegal rebating because of our "open conference" policy, which allows all carriers to compete.

The Federal Maritime Commission is responsible for enforcing approved shipping rates, or tariffs, but it has been unable to effectively investigate foreign rebating because of foreign secrecy laws protecting shipping information.

The Senate-passed bill, S. 199, provides:

-- The Federal Maritime Commission with authority to bar foreign lines from U.S. shipping if they fail to comply with a Commission subpoena or discovery order.

-- A substantial increase in monetary penalties for rebating violations.

-- A requirement that carriers in U.S. shipping certify a corporate anti-rebate policy and willingness to cooperate with rebating investigations.

-- The Federal Maritime Commission with the power to assess civil penalties for rebating violations.

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Similar legislation was passed last year but pocket-vetoed by the President, who directed the Secretary of State to solve the problem through diplomatic channels. The Commission believes that the legislation is still necessary to provide strong enforcement of the law.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN BUSINESSES  
**date:** JUNE 1, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- Native Hawaiian-operated, non-profit organizations in Hawaii will be eligible starting next week to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The new program is intended to encourage native Hawaiians to open small businesses, and stimulate employment in a specific Hawaii community, according to the Administration for Native Americans, which notified the office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Some \$100,000 per year is available for project funding for up to three years.

"This program is one which I have specifically urged the Department to develop, because of the potential it has for training native Hawaiians in the practical aspects of running small businesses in Hawaii. As of now, there are few, if any, businesses operated by native Hawaiians which play important roles in the Island economy," Senator Inouye said.

Details of the program are to be published Monday in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Interested persons should contact the Administration for Native Americans, Office of Human Development Services, Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Washington, D.C. 20201

The deadline for submitting applications is July 30, 1979.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** S. S. UNITED STATES

**date:** June 5, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A measure which would clear the way for the S.S. United States to operate as a passenger liner between the West Coast and Hawaii was introduced today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The planned renovation and operation of the now-mothballed liner was put in jeopardy with a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling in February on an Alaskan maritime case. That decision raises some question about the eligibility of a vessel constructed with a U.S. differential subsidy to operate domestically.

"The United States Cruise Lines, which has contracted to purchase the S.S. United States from the Maritime Administration, believes that this special legislation is necessary if it is to resume domestic service," said Inouye, chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism.

Senator Spark Matsunaga joined in co-sponsoring the measure.

"I believe every effort should be made to encourage a resuscitation of the American-flag domestic cruise trade, which, for all practical purposes, does not exist.

"Should the S.S. United States become operational once again, it would not only be a first step in the revitalization of the U.S. passenger fleet, but it would also increase the tourism revenues at the various domestic destinations she calls in," Inouye said.

The Inouye bill makes it clear that the S.S. United States is eligible to operate as a domestic liner.

Inouye added that his subcommittee expects to soon hold hearings on the legislation, with possible field hearings in Hawaii and on the Mainland.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** FIRE CENTER LEASE APPROVED  
**date:** JUNE 7, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A proposed lease agreement between the City and County of Honolulu and the U.S. Navy has been approved by Congress and the Executive Branch, clearing the way for the City to proceed with plans to build a fire training center and fire station near Pearl Harbor.

● Senator Daniel K. Inouye said the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, along with the Secretary of Defense, have now completed their examinations and approval of the lease of five acres of unimproved land.

The agreement would allow use of the land located between Pearl Harbor Interchange and Lynch Park on a 25-year basis, for a token \$1 rent. The Federal government would retain the right to repossess the land in case of an emergency.

"In these times, when fires and their prompt control are of real concern in our dense urban communities, this facility should fill an important need. I know that the City has sought a modern training center for many years, and I am happy to know it is finally becoming a reality," said Inouye.

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH HEARING

**date:** JUNE 11, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark M. Matsunaga, with two representatives of Hawaii's mental health community, testified today before a Senate subcommittee in support of establishing an associate director for minority concerns within the National Institute of Mental Health.

"Minorities presently represent approximately 20 percent of America's population. Unfortunately, all indications are that these individuals continue to suffer from the stresses of prejudice and racism. Their income levels, housing conditions, educational attainments and health predicators are substantially below the nation as a whole," Inouye said.

He noted that the number of minority mental health professionals and behavioral scientists remains "distressingly low." Inouye praised the University of Hawaii Medical School for taking the leadership in this area. In its one-year remedial pre-medical program, 85 percent (17 of 19) of the students are from Pacific Islands.

"It is time that the Federal government recognize its unique responsibility to the Native American Pacific Islanders of the Pacific Basin -- Guamanians, American Samoans, and those of the Trust Territory," he said.

"In order to provide the most efficient assistance to the nation's minorities, there should definitely be coordination of Federal training, research and service delivery programs in this area," Inouye said.

Drs. Denis Mee-Lee, chief of the Division of Mental Health in the State Department of Health, and Gilbert Tanabe, acting Chairman of the Department of Psychology at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, joined the two senators in supporting the measure. Dr. Mee-Lee noted the many mental health problems associated with minorities, and Dr. Tanabe described the role of the University of Hawaii in supporting their health training.

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Legislation introduced by Senator Inouye and passed by the Senate on May 8, 1979, would establish new positions at the associate director level within the National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Drug Abuse for underserved populations.

Senator Ted Kennedy chaired the hearing of the Health and Scientific Research Subcommittee of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. He praised the University of Hawaii for attempting to increase the number of Pacific Basin students in health fields, and promised to work further with the Hawaii representatives on the mental health measure.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** LEPROSY AID INCREASE

**date:** JUNE 14, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- At the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, the Federal subsidy to Hawaii's leprosy program would be substantially increased -- by \$400,000 -- under a Senate appropriations measure approved today.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HEW, on which Inouye serves, today raised the current Fiscal Year 1979 appropriation of \$1.6 million to \$2 million in Fiscal Year 1980.

"Both the residential and outpatient services for the victims of leprosy place a heavy financial burden on Hawaii, a much larger part of which should be taken up by Federal assistance. Leprosy is one of the many unique health problems brought to Hawaii by alien immigrants, who now account for 86 percent of the active cases of this disease," Inouye told the subcommittee.

Federal funds now cover about 70 percent of the total cost of the Island program, which provides outpatient services to 290 persons and residential services at Kalaupapa and Leahi Hospital to about 130 patients.

The Labor-HEW Appropriation measure now goes to the full committee for approval, and then to the Senate floor.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** NATIVE HAWAIIAN FUNDS, PEACE STUDY

**date:** JUNE 15, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Federal government would provide an additional \$200,000 to expand and strengthen its Native Hawaiian program, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HEW, of which Inouye is a member, approved the funds in its Fiscal Year 1980 appropriations measure.

The funds, if approved by Congress, would be available under a competitive award application process, through the Administration for Native Americans, in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, raising the total appropriation for this program to \$1 million.

"This would be a very worthwhile effort by the Federal government to improve job training and management techniques among native Hawaiians, who are in real need of such economic support," Inouye said.

Also approved by the Senate subcommittee was a \$500,000 appropriation, also supported by Inouye, for a Federal commission to study the feasibility of establishing an "Academy of Peace" to study ways of eliminating war. It would be the first such "peace institution" attempted by any government.

"This effort could play a very important role in ending senseless wars, which have cost nations so many of their finest young men. It seems to me vital that our nation, which spends so much for defense, make an attempt to study the underlying reasons for warfare between nations," Inouye said.

**news from**

# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** SALT II

**date:** JUNE 18, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President Carter and Soviet President Brezhnev signed a new strategic arms limitation treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union today in Vienna.

Advanced texts of the treaty and the Protocol to the treaty with their associated Agreed Statements and Common Understanding were delivered by the White House to the Office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

"Through the SALT II Treaty signed today by President Carter and Soviet President Brezhnev, the United States and the Soviet Union are taking a significant and necessary step towards further stabilizing the nuclear arms race," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye. "I am personally convinced that these steps will not compromise our nation's security. SALT II, in fact, enhances our national security by formalizing the essentially equivalent strategic nuclear forces developed and maintained by our two nations, and by preserving a strong deterrence to a Soviet first strike."

"Further", said Inouye, "I believe that the United States has the physical means to effectively achieve an acceptable level of verification and monitoring of related Soviet activities in accordance with the terms of the treaty. As a member and the first chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I have given this issue special study and consideration because of our committee's responsibility on the verification issue."

The SALT II Treaty now faces Senate ratification where debate is not expected until after Labor Day. Majority Leader Robert Byrd has stated that he hopes to complete Senate consideration of the SALT II Treaty by Thanksgiving.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE

**topic:** PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL TO AMEND SHIPPING ACT, 1916

**date:** JUNE 19, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The President today signed into law, S. 199, a measure introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, which amends the Shipping Act, 1916.

"I wish to commend President Carter for signing into law S. 199. This measure will greatly strengthen our ability to deal effectively with the chronic problem of illegal rebating in our waterborne foreign commerce which threatens the survival of U.S.-flag carriers," Senator Inouye said.

Illegal rebating in the U.S. international ocean trades has for many years been a widespread practice involving more than \$100 million annually. It is a secret form of rate war, in which carriers surreptitiously offer inducements and incentives that attract cargoes to the detriment of their competitors.

These illegal practices have caused discrimination between shippers; have contributed to loss of cargoes and bankruptcy for U.S.-flag liner operators; and have created instability in our foreign commerce. Repeated attempts at diplomatic resolution have been historically unavailing.

Of immediate concern is the rank disparity caused by enforcement of our laws prohibiting secret discounts most severely against U.S.-flag carriers. As a result, more severe fines, more extensive disclosures, more stringent settlement requirements, impairment of shipper goodwill due to disclosures, and criminal conspiracy charges are inflicted on U.S. carriers but not on their foreign counterparts. S. 199 will not only deter ocean malpractices, but more importantly, it will promote legitimate competition without which U.S.-flag carriers cannot survive.

"The President's action is statesmanship at its highest, and is a major step in fulfilling his public commitments to develop a national cargo policy to assure the American-flag fleet access to a fair share of all types of cargo in the American trade, and a strong national maritime policy which will ensure U.S. political and economic independence in a period of world turmoil and aggressiveness.

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"All Americans who understand that an international power such as the United States cannot be dependent upon ocean transportation media owing allegiance to alien-flags without threatening our national security, will applaud President Carter's action because it is a vital step in assuring the survival of our merchant fleet," Senator Inouye concluded.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** PASSENGER LINERS PROPOSED  
**date:** JUNE 21, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A cruise firm plans to put two ships into service as passenger liners between the Hawaiian Islands and other ports, if Congress approves, said Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The American Hawaiian Cruising Line contracted last year to purchase the S.S. INDEPENDENCE, now inactive in Hong Kong, from a Liberian corporation for Hawaii service.

"It is absolutely essential to understand and to take advantage of the fact that the return of these vessels to the American flag and their use in the American trades will be accomplished entirely with private capital. Public or government funds will not be involved in any way whatsoever," said the New York-based line's Chairman, Conrad Everhard, in a recent letter to Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism.

If Congress approves legislation -- introduced this week by Inouye -- entitling the S.S. INDEPENDENCE to operate in the U.S., the cruise line intends to also purchase the S.S. CONSTITUTION for the same service.

"The American passenger cruise trade is now non-existent, reflecting the poor health of our merchant marine industry," said Inouye. "With Congressional approval of this operation, we can begin a rejuvenation of the domestic cruise trade, with its resulting stimulation of maritime and tourism-related jobs and services."

Inouye has also introduced similar legislation enabling the S.S. UNITED STATES to operate between Hawaii and the West Coast.

A hearing on these measures is scheduled by his subcommittee on June 28, 1979.

Congressional authorization is necessary for the passenger liners to begin U.S. service because they were owned by foreign firms after being built with partial Federal funding. The U.S. Department of Transportation has interpreted the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 to require new legislation for them to resume domestic operations, even under American owners.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SUGAR PACT SUPPORTED

**date:** JUNE 21, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today testified in support of Senate ratification of the International Sugar Agreement, at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"Without a domestic sugar program, the fate of the State of Hawaii is solely reliant on the International Sugar Agreement," he said. Hawaii produces one-fifth of all the sugar grown in the United States.

The proposed International Sugar Agreement would establish a world "floor price" for raw sugar, through production quotas and creation of a surplus sugar bank among member nations.

"Without ratification of the I.S.A., the price of sugar will likely become increasingly volatile, subject to rapid rises as high or higher than occurred in 1974-75," Inouye said.

To ensure greater protection for U.S. consumers and sugar producers, ratification of the I.S.A. should be accompanied by domestic sugar legislation, he told Committee Chairman Senator Frank Church.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AIRLINE MERGER SUPPORTED

**date:** MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today submitted a statement strongly supporting the proposed merger of Continental and Western Airlines, at a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing.

"This merger will promote a better route structuring and thus more efficient operation and greater utilization of aircraft and crews, leading to more efficient and innovative service than either Continental or Western can provide individually," said the statement delivered by John Hardy, staff counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, chaired by Inouye. The Senator is in Honolulu to attend the 1979 Nisei Veterans Reunion.

● "We in Hawaii know first-hand how beneficial this kind of 'realistic competition' will be. Tourism is our number one industry, and tourism to us means air travel. There is no alternative.

"Presently the Mainland-Hawaii market is dominated by United Airlines which controls 50 percent of the traffic. Events of the past few months have proven to our sorrow how devastating that kind of market dominance can be.

"We need the kind of vigorous competition which, it seems to me, is the very essence of the Continental-Western merger," said the Inouye statement.

The proposed merger is precisely the type of change intended to be encouraged by the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, said Inouye, ranking member of the Senate Subcommittee on Aviation.

He opposed the legislation until the final Senate-House conference report, he said, because of fears that the financially stronger air carriers would drive smaller, weaker, carriers out of competitive routes. "The conference report, however, made clear that it intended the smaller airlines to have the necessary latitude to make the adjustments necessary for them to compete realistically in the marketplace," Inouye said.

● "Together, they will be able to provide needed competition against the giant carriers in the long-haul and transcontinental markets where competition is most needed but least likely to occur without such a merger," he said.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

BIOFEEDBACK BOOSTED

**topic:**

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1979

**date:**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Department of Defense has agreed to reimburse military dependents for treatment using biofeedback therapy, a move pushed for several years by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Biofeedback is an innovative health technique in which psychiatrists and psychologists can assist patients to control their own physiological processes, such as brainwaves, heart rate, blood pressure and intestinal contractions. This can mean reduced hypertension, treatment of insomnia, and retraining muscles of paralysis victims and surgery patients.

At the request of Senator Inouye, the Senate Appropriations Committee report last session on the Fiscal Year 1979 Defense Appropriations Bill directed the Department to study the possible coverage of biofeedback therapy by CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services). CHAMPUS administers health and medical benefits for some 8.6 million dependents of active and retired military personnel.

The Defense Department, in a June 22, 1979 letter to the Committee, said it has agreed to provide reimbursements for biofeedback therapy, under certain conditions agreed to by the Biofeedback Society of America, a group of about 1,500 practitioners and supporters of the therapy.

Hawaii, because of its large military population, is one of the top states in CHAMPUS claims.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** TOURISM PANEL APPOINTED

**date:** JULY 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- John G. Simpson, President of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, is one of 18 leaders in the nation's travel and tourism field named to a United States Senate advisory panel.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, today said the newly established Travel and Tourism Industry Advisory Council will advise the Committee on tourism-related legislative matters. Inouye had proposed the establishment of the Council in a resolution recently adopted by the full Commerce Committee.

"The Hawaii Visitors Bureau is an excellent example of innovative cooperation between private industry and government, the success of which I hope we can duplicate on the national level. Jack Simpson has been an inspiring and imaginative force for the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and his insights will be very valuable in assisting the work of this Council," Inouye said.

"Many of the problems faced at the national level by the travel industry are directly traceable to the Federal government's failure to understand the industry and appreciate its importance to the economy. Somehow, many in official Washington feel the industry is frivolous and non-essential. It is my hope that this advisory council will help cure this by providing the travel industry a direct involvement in the processes of government," he said.

In a joint letter this week to the Council members, Inouye and other leaders of the Senate Commerce Committee urged the Council to meet as soon as possible to consider the energy situation's impact on travel and tourism. The Council is chaired by William Walton, Vice Chairman of the Board for Holiday Inns.

The Senate has recently passed, under the leadership of Inouye, measures to provide a more effective Federal role in tourism.

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One bill would provide funding for the 1980 Fiscal Year for the U.S. Travel Service, which promotes U.S. tourism in foreign countries. The Administration had proposed to eliminate this agency.

Another measure, the National Tourism Policy Act, would create a Cabinet-level council to coordinate Federal departments and agencies with tourism-related duties, and a non-profit corporation to replace the U.S. Travel Service.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** OTEC FUNDS  
**date:** July 11, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii's alternate energy program would receive a major boost from a \$9.5 million appropriation proposed by Senator Daniel K. Inouye and adopted by the Senate Appropriations Committee today.

The funds, added by an Inouye amendment to the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 1980, would benefit the nation's Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) program. The Big Island is one of the leading centers of OTEC research and development.

"These funds would enable the completion of the Seacoast Testing Facility at Ke-ahole, support the Mini-OTEC floating project, and provide continued research into this promising technology," said Inouye, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

The \$9.5 million was added to the proposed \$23.6 million for Ocean System projects of the Department of Energy.

If the full Senate approves the amended budget, the added OTEC funds will be the subject of conference committee discussion because the House approved a lower appropriation figure.

"At this time, when we are preparing to embark on a national program to reduce our dependence on imported oil, it is particularly important that we fully explore alternate sources of energy, such as OTEC," Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** TERRITORY EDUCATION PROGRAM

**date:** FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Education program funds in United States territories would be increased by \$5 million under a proposal of Senator Daniel K. Inouye that was approved today by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The funds would provide \$2 million for teacher training in the territories and \$3 million in general assistance for public education in the Virgin Islands.

The Territorial Teacher Training Assistance program allows the U.S. Commissioner of Education to make grants or contracts with organizations to provide teacher training in Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Trust Territory.

"I am confident that we will reap tremendous benefits in the years to come from this relatively small investment. The teachers trained under these funds will be directly influencing those youths who will shape our destiny in these areas, especially the Pacific Basin," Inouye said.

The Inouye amendment to the Labor-HEW budget for Fiscal Year 1980 provides full funding for the teacher training program, which was authorized last session, but not yet funded.

The budget measure now goes to the Senate floor for approval.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** CENTER BUDGET RAISED

**date:** July 13, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate Appropriations subcommittee, at the urging of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, today recommended full funding of the East-West Center, reversing a House decision which would have imposed a \$335,000 cut.

The Senate Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies, approved \$14,835,000 to operate the Center in Fiscal Year 1980, an increase of \$1.3 million over the current year's budget. Its recommendation now goes to the full Appropriations Committee for approval.

"The chances are excellent that the Senate will approve the requested amount for the Center," said Inouye.

If so, the \$335,000 difference between the Senate and House measures would be resolved in conference committee.

During the mark-up session today, Inouye told his fellow committee members that the Center's key role in providing training and research throughout the Pacific Basin, plus increased costs of operation, fully justified its original budget request of \$14.5 million.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** LABOR-HEW BUDGET  
**date:** FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The full Senate Appropriations Committee today approved a \$2 million subsidy for Hawaii's leprosy program and increased funding for native Hawaii programs, at the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The Labor-HEW Appropriations measure for the 1980 fiscal year, which now goes to the Senate floor for passage, includes the following provisions:

--A \$2 million Federal subsidy for the State's leprosy program, an increase of \$400,000 over the current budget. Inouye argued that the large immigrant population in Hawaii accounts for 86 percent of the active leprosy cases, so the Federal government should assume a larger share of its costs.

--The Office of Native American Programs budget, in HEW, was increased by \$800,000 for the expansion of native Hawaiian projects.

--U.S. territories would receive a \$5 million increase for education programs, under an amendment by Inouye. It provides \$2 million for the Territorial Teacher Training Assistance program, which allows the U.S. Commissioner of Education to make grants or contracts with organizations to provide teacher training in Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Trust Territory.

It also allots \$3 million in general assistance for public education in the Virgin Islands.

"I am confident that we will reap tremendous benefits in the years to come from this relatively small investment. The teachers trained under these funds will be directly influencing those youths who will shape our destiny in these areas, especially the Pacific Basin," Inouye said.

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--The Senate report accompanying the measure directs the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to increase its assistance to states with large immigrant populations, such as Hawaii. It requires the Department to give priority to funding state projects which respond to the immigrants' needs, specifically in the form of prepaid health care..

"It is clear that our nation's recent agreement to absorb twice as many immigrants will result in tremendous demands on our states, particularly Hawaii, which already has the highest percentage of immigrants.

"HEW Secretary Califano should be commended for his personal commitment to assisting Hawaii in this area. I am confident that his personal commitment and this direction from the Committee will result in greater Federal assistance for the Islands," Inouye said.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN SMALL BUSINESS

**date:** WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Health, Education and Welfare informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye that it is sending a representative to Hawaii to assist native Hawaiian, non-profit organizations in applying for an economic development grant.

Some \$100,00 per year, for up to three years, is available under the new program which is intended to encourage native Hawaiian communities to design and operate an enterprise which will improve the economic self-sufficiency of a native Hawaiian community, in addition to providing employment and training to its participants.

The HEW program was originally announced by Senator Inouye last month, with a July 31, 1979 deadline, but the time was insufficient to allow all interested groups to apply. The Department agreed, in response to a request by the Senator, to extend the deadline to August 13, 1979 and to send an assistant to Hawaii.

The HEW representative, Merv Tano, a former Hawaii resident, will be on Molokai on July 30 and 31, on Hawaii on August 1 and 2, and in Honolulu on August 3 and 4. He can be reached through the Alu Like office in Honolulu.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** PANEL APPROVES CRUISE BILL

**date:** FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Commerce Committee today approved legislation introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, which would clear the way for three passenger liners to operate between Hawaii and the West Coast.

The measure would clarify the ability of the S.S. UNITED STATES, S.S. OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE (formerly the S.S. INDEPENDENCE) and the S.S. SANTA ROSA to engage in domestic cruise routes.

Three U.S. firms have plans to begin cruise service with the liners, once federal authorization is approved. There are now no passenger liners operating between U.S. ports. Such service is restricted to U.S.-flag vessels.

Federal authorization is necessary for the liners to begin U.S. service because they were owned by foreign firms after being built with partial federal funding. Federal cabotage laws provide that vessels forever lose the right to engage in domestic trades, once placed under foreign flag or rebuilt abroad, even if they later become American-owned.

The Commerce Committee, in its markup today, combined separate proposals by Inouye into a single measure (S. 1281). Inouye is chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, and chaired a June 28 hearing on the proposals. The measure now goes to the Senate floor.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMISSION APPROVED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, August 1, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate, at the urging of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, today approved a measure which would allow Hawaii and the Pacific territories to form a regional economic development commission through which they could receive federal assistance.

"America's Pacific Island territories -- Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands -- have lagged far behind the rest of the nation in their rate of economic growth and development due to unique cultural, historic and geographic reasons," Inouye told a Senate committee hearing on the proposal in April.

The change would expand existing federal law to make territories, in addition to states, eligible to form regional economic development commissions. The earliest and best known regional commission is the Appalachian Regional Commission, which received more than \$3 billion in federal funding from its establishment in 1965 to 1977, and has served as a model for later commissions.

Inouye noted that in addition to sharing similar native cultures disrupted by the infusion of non-indigenous peoples, the Pacific Islands share similar problems of economic development -- insularity and isolation from supply sources and markets.

"Questions such as how best to expand local fisheries, the identification and tapping of new agricultural and industrial markets, and improvement of commercial transportation systems, must be answered from an island perspective that is unique to this Pacific area," he said.

The measure now goes to the House for consideration.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INTERNMENT BILL INTRODUCED

**date:** THURSDAY, August 2, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Daniel K. Inouye, S. I. Hayakawa and Spark Matsunaga today jointly introduced a measure to establish a commission to study the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"It would be up to this presidentially-appointed commission to determine whether a wrong was committed by the Federal government when it ordered 120,000 persons into internment camps for an average of two and a half to three years," Inouye said.

"The Japanese American Citizens League has worked closely with members of the Senate in developing this legislation, which, I think, has a good chance of Senate passage this session.

"I expect that there are three major questions that this commission may contend with during its work: whether Executive Order 9066 and other related actions can be justified as necessary for the security of our nation; whether relocation and internment were required to protect internees against wartime hysteria; and whether the loss and pain experienced by the internees merits remedy by the government at this time," Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AQUACULTURE PLAN PROPOSED

**date:** THURSDAY, August 2, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye today introduced a proposal for a National Aquaculture Act, the product of close cooperation between Inouye and the White House.

"This bill finally recognizes the high priority which aquaculture development deserves and, if enacted, will constitute a major step toward achieving that development. What is needed in order for aquaculture to achieve its full potential in the United States is a national policy and a national plan for carrying out the policy," he said.

Last session Inouye introduced similar legislation, which was passed by Congress, but pocket-vetoed by President Carter, who objected to the federal financial loan guarantees and insurance it would have provided.

"While I still believe that a need for these financial incentive programs has been clearly demonstrated and that the benefits would far exceed the costs, I have deleted these programs from the bill in an effort to provide the basis for strong Administration support both for this legislation and for the development of aquaculture.

"Since last year's pocket-veto, I have been encouraged by the Administration's effort to carry out under existing authority many of the actions which we called for in last year's bill. A Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture, an interagency coordinating group under the auspices of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, has been established and is currently in the process of formulating a National Aquaculture Plan, as called for in last year's bill.

"In addition, the subcommittee is undertaking studies of the need for new financial incentive programs for aquaculture and the effects of regulatory constraints on aquaculture. The bill I am introducing today would formalize these activities and provide the subcommittee with a legislative mandate," Inouye said.

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"Hawaii is in the national forefront in recognizing aquaculture's potential and committing the resources necessary to achieve it, by establishing the nation's first aquaculture development plan and assisting through loan programs, marketing studies, disease control and extension services. This bold commitment to aquaculture serves as a lesson to the rest of the country on the potential importance of aquaculture," the Senator said.

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● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** BOWFIN TRANSFERRED

**date:** THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In a brief ceremony yesterday at the Pentagon, Acting Secretary of the Navy James Woolsey officially transferred the World War II submarine USS BOWFIN to the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association.

Present were Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who originally assisted the Association in its efforts to preserve the historic submarine as a naval memorial in Pearl Harbor, and Navy officials who helped obtain approval of the transfer.

The Association recently launched its fundraising drive for the establishment of the USS BOWFIN Memorial. The BOWFIN is the last remaining submarine from the United States Pacific fleet of World War II, and is credited with sinking 38 Japanese ships during nine patrols.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** COLA REDUCED  
**date:** FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Office of Personnel Management today informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye that it is reducing the cost-of-living allowance provided to federal workers on Oahu, Hawaii and Kauai.

Oahu's allowance of 15 percent will be reduced as of August 26, 1979, to 12.5 percent. The Big Island's 15 percent rate is reduced to 10 percent, and Kauai's 17.5 percent is reduced to 15 percent.

The reductions are based on the Office's 1979 annual comparison of living costs in Washington, D.C. and Hawaii. The surveys for Maui and Molokai have not yet been completed.

"This comes as bad news, of course, to Hawaii's many eligible federal employees, but Island residents can take some consolation in knowing that the cost of living in Hawaii is increasing at a slower rate than in our nation's capital," Inouye said.

According to the survey, the cost on Oahu of medical care increased between 1978 and 1979 by 11 percent, clothing by 11 percent and food by 14 percent. Washington's respective cost increases were 24 percent, 18 percent and 16 percent.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** LEPROSY FUNDS INCREASED

**date:** MONDAY, August 6, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii's leprosy program will receive \$1.8 million from the Federal government for the next fiscal year, under an agreement reached by the Senate-House conference committee on the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill, Senator Daniel K. Inouye said today.

● The figure is a \$200,000 increase over the current 1979 fiscal budget, and is the third increase over the past three years obtained by Inouye.

"The State of Hawaii has long been saddled with a disproportionate share of a national responsibility -- the health of recent Southeast Asian immigrants, who account for 85 percent of the new leprosy cases in Hawaii. It is about time that this undue burden is recognized and fairly compensated by the Federal government," said Inouye, a member of the conference committee.

Two other matters approved by the committee, at the urging of Inouye, were:

-- An \$800,000 increase in the budget of the Office of Native American Programs, in HEW, targeted for increased attention to the needs of native Hawaiians.

● -- A \$5 million appropriation for teacher training programs in U.S. territories.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AQUACULTURE HEARING  
MONDAY, August 6, 1979

**date:**

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Daniel K. Inouye will chair a Senate Commerce Committee hearing in Honolulu next week on his proposed National Aquaculture Policy Act.

The hearing on Thursday, August 16, 1979, will start at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 3 of the Federal Courthouse in the Prince Kuhio Federal Building.

"Hawaii is in the forefront of the country in recognizing the potential importance of aquaculture, thanks in large part to the strong commitment of the State government. The purpose of the hearing is to share with the Committee the experience of Hawaii in this field and to receive comment on the aquaculture bill, S. 1650," Inouye said.

The Senator's measure, introduced last week, would declare aquaculture a national policy and establish a National Aquaculture Council, composed of various federal agencies with responsibilities in the area, to draw up a comprehensive plan for its development.

Those interested in testifying at the hearing should contact Senator Inouye's Honolulu office or Doug Anderson of the Senate Commerce Committee staff.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
**date:** Tuesday, September 1, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Legal Services Corporation has informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye that native Hawaiians are eligible for special native American funds that will soon be made available.

The Corporation, a quasi-official organization, plans to establish a \$400,000 discretionary fund for projects relating to native American legal issues, such as land claims, treaty responsibilities and federal recognition. Final decisions on projects to be funded are expected by the end of this year.

The Legal Services Corporation, in addition, already provides funds for the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii based on a formula of \$7.39 for each poor person in the area.

The Corporation was established by the Legal Services Corporation Act of 1974 to provide financial support for legal assistance in noncriminal proceedings to persons unable to afford legal services.

The information came in response to an inquiry by Senator Inouye as to the availability of special legal services for native Hawaiians, to deal with their serious social and economic problems.

Queries on the new program should be made to:

Native American Desk  
Legal Services Corporation  
Denver Regional Office  
1726 Champa Street, Suite 500  
Denver, Colorado 80202

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** FISH GRANT  
**date:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye that it has approved a \$176,000 grant to construct a fish freezer in Hilo, the latest in a series of Federal projects intended to assist the Island fishing industry.

The supercold freezer would enable Hawaii fishermen to flash-freeze raw fish for export to Japan.

In addition to the grant, Governor Ariyoshi is releasing \$35,200 in discretionary EDA funds and the State is appropriating \$8,800, for the total project cost of \$220,000.

The Hilo freezer is the fourth fishing industry facility to be approved in the past year for Hawaii by the EDA, at the urging of the Hawaii-Congressional delegation.

The grants, totaling \$1.25 million, are aimed at encouraging the expansion of the Island fishing industry, by enabling the economical processing and storage of fish for local markets and export.

Other projects, announced last September, were:

-- The construction of a tuna baitfish plant in Kaunakakai, Molokai, with a \$617,600 EDA grant. Maui County added \$154,400 for the project.

-- The purchase and installation of ice machines and cold-storage rooms at Pokai Bay and Waianae on Oahu, and a fish-freezing plant at Nawiliwili, Kauai. The EDA approved a \$452,900 grant, with the State contributing \$194,100.

The members of the Hawaii delegation are also supporting plans to increase the number of floating fish aggregation devices that have been deployed around the Islands to attract fish, a Federal experiment which proved to be successful.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SENATE PASSES CRUISE BILL  
**date:** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate last night unanimously approved legislation enabling three passenger cruise ships to operate between the West Coast and Hawaii.

The measure, introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, would authorize the S.S. UNITED STATES, S.S. OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE, and the S.S. SANTA ROSA to engage in domestic cruise routes.

Private firms have plans to begin cruise service to Hawaii with the liners, which would be the only passenger vessels to operate between U.S. ports. In addition to reviving domestic cruise service, the liners would provide a major boost to the American maritime industry and help national security by increasing cargo and troop-carrying capability.

A hearing on the proposal was held on June 28 by the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, chaired by Inouye. The legislation was approved by the full Commerce Committee on July 27.

The Senate floor action sends the measure, S. 1281, to the House for consideration.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** DELEGATION ASKS LAND SALE DELAY  
**date:** TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1979  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Hawaii Congressional delegation today asked the U.S. General Services Administration to postpone the proposed sale of land parcels on Oahu and Maui until local governments have a chance to apply for them.

The land parcels are:

--A former Nike missile site in the Waianae Mountains above Honouliuli, Oahu, totaling 53.7 acres, on which stand an administration and barracks building, launch pads and guard towers.

--Part of the site of the Pauwela Point Lighthouse Station in northeast Maui, consisting of 3.3 acres, with the former lightkeeper's house and three small buildings.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, and Representatives Daniel Akaka and Cecil Heftel today joined in a telegram to General Services Administrator R. G. Freeman III, urgently requesting the delay of the sale to enable the State and Maui County to apply for the lands.

The GSA has been soliciting sealed bids for the sites, with the sale to be announced on September 25.

The delegation telegram came in response to appeals from the local governments and several members of the native Hawaiian community, who contend that, as former Hawaii crown lands, the parcels should remain in public ownership until native claims issues are resolved at the State and Congressional levels.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** TRAVEL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

**date:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A newly established travel industry advisory council to the Senate Commerce Committee has made five recommendations to deal with the nation's energy crisis.

The creation of the 18-member Travel and Tourism Industry Advisory Council was proposed by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism, and approved by the full Commerce Committee in a March resolution.

The Council, which held its first meeting on July 26, 1979, recommended:

-- The decontrol of oil and gasoline products as soon as possible.

-- That long-term Federal energy policy give first priority to transportation, as the primary petroleum user, and that energy for electricity and heating be derived from non-petroleum sources.

-- That Federal energy conservation programs should: include minimum and odd-even purchasing requirements, enforcement of the 55-mile-an-hour speed limit and carpooling; avoid the imposition of taxes or user fees unless authorized by local laws; and avoid plans which require or encourage the week-end closings of service stations.

-- That the President be given standby authority to ration gasoline when there is a 20 percent shortfall for 30 consecutive days, provided that before implementing the plan, the President submit it to Congress, with either House able to veto it within 15 days.

-- That the Senate Commerce Committee convey to the President the Council's concern over the severe and unnecessary harm to the nation's travel and tourism industry, which is dependent on highway travel, because of the public misconception that vacation and leisure are contrary to the national interest during the energy crisis.

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That the President make a public statement recognizing the economic importance of the travel industry -- a \$115 billion industry employing 6 million -- and a value of leisure travel to promote physical and mental health.

The recommendations of the Council were sent to Senator Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Energy Committee, for consideration by the Senate conferees to S. 1030, the national energy measure.

The Council is chaired by William Walton, Vice Chairman of Holiday Inns. Other members are:

John Simpson, President of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau  
Joseph Stone, President of the American Society of Travel Agents  
Frank Borman, President of Eastern Airlines  
Berlyn Miller, President of the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce  
Howard James, President of the Sheraton Corporation  
Robert Juliano, Legislative Representative of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union  
William Toohey, President of the Discover America Travel Organizations  
Aldo Papone, President of the American Express Company  
Robert Sullivan, General Manager of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Dan Colussy, President of Pan American World Airways  
Arthur Lewis, President of the American Bus Association  
Dennis Speigel, General Manager of Kings Dominion  
Oklahoma Governor George Nigh  
George Stadelman of Stadelman Fruit, Inc.  
Virginia Knauer of Virginia Knauer and Associates  
Lester Kabacoff, Managing Partner of the International Travel Mart in New Orleans  
Henry Mullikin, President of Western International Hotels.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** UNIVERSITY RECEIVES HEALTH CONTRACT

**date:** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The University of Hawaii's School of Public Health has been awarded a \$4 million contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development to serve as the principal academic resource for family planning training for Southeast Asia, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today.

● The three-year contract utilizes the special international health expertise of the School of Public Health faculty in the training of professional and sub-professional personnel in programs of family planning and related health care.

Inouye noted that Indonesia, Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines will benefit directly from this training provided by the University of Hawaii.

"This is one more step in the development of the University's ability to serve in the international arena. Out of the 21 accredited schools of public health in the country, only the University of Hawaii's has a mission dedicated to international health, which played a decisive role in the award of this major contract," the Senator said.

● Jerrold Michael, Dean of the School of Public Health, termed the contract "a natural extension of the continuing relationship that the School has fostered with the health institutions of the countries in the Pacific rim and Southeast Asia."

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** UNFAIR QUESTION CHANGED

**date:** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Immigration and Naturalization Service has agreed to amend a question on its application for naturalization which unfairly discriminated against persons who received treatment for mental health problems, in response to a request by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Federal law requires that applicants for American citizenship be mentally competent, but Inouye pointed out that the form's question, "Have you ever been a patient in an institution or been treated for mental illness or disorder?" was unnecessarily broad.

"There is quite a difference between having been treated for mental problems and being mentally incompetent. The question implies that a visit to a psychiatrist, psychologist or a psychiatric nurse is grounds for exclusion from this country," Inouye argued in correspondence with Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Leonel Castillo.

This week Castillo informed Inouye that the question is being revised to: "Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or confined to a mental institution?"

The matter had been brought to Inouye's attention in May by the Mental Health Association of Hawaii and the Ethno-cultural Task Force of the Mental Health Division, State Department of Health, which is composed of members representing various ethnic groups in Hawaii, including recent arrivals from Southeast Asia.

Correspondence between Inouye and the Immigration and Naturalization Service led to a meeting last month with the Assistant Commissioner, after which the Service decided to change the question on the form.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** TRAVEL SERVICE FUNDS  
**date:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The House, on Friday, passed and sent to the President a measure sponsored by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, which authorizes \$8 million for the continued operation of United States tourist promotion offices in several foreign countries.

The measure continues the overseas offices of the United States Travel Service (USTS) while making a 60 percent cut in the number of Washington-based USTS employees. Field offices are now located in Japan, Canada, Mexico, West Germany, France and the United Kingdom, with limited marketing efforts in several South American and European countries.

The bill provides funding for the 1980 fiscal year, which begins this month.

It was introduced by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Senator Howard Cannon and Inouye, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism. It passed the Senate on March 8, 1979.

The Administration's original proposed 1980 fiscal year budget would have eliminated all foreign promotion by the USTS. The past year's USTS spending totalled \$13.6 million.

"Spending in the United States by visitors from other countries amounted to \$7.2 billion in 1977, which means that this constitutes an important segment of our nation's economy," Inouye said.

"The National Tourism Policy Study, which I chaired from 1974 until its completion last year, found that programs of the USTS had a cost-benefit ratio of \$18.60 in foreign exchange earnings for the nation's travel and tourism industry for every USTS dollar spent. That seems to me a very fine investment, particularly at a time that the deficit in the United States' balance of payments has reached an all-time high," the Senator said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** COMMERCE DEPARTMENT APPROVES PROJECTS

**date:** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HONOLULU, HAWAII -- Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye of the Department's support for next year's Pacific Basin Development Conference, which will discuss joint economic development ventures for Pacific Islands, and the funding of an \$80,000 study to assess possible future fishing programs in the Pacific.

Commerce Undersecretary Luther Hodges, its second-ranking administrator, will be in Honolulu on Sunday to announce the Department's approval of the projects.

● The Pacific Basin Development Conference will be held in Honolulu in February, bringing together the governors of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, with funds provided by the Department and the involved Island governments.

The fishery study project will be done by Dr. John Harvill of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, at the direction of the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service.

During the 1980 fiscal year, which began this month, the National Marine Fisheries Service expects to spend over \$2.5 million for fishery development activities in the central and western Pacific, with the bulk of the funds for projects developed by the Pacific Tuna Development Foundation.

"Under the leadership of Secretary Kreps, the Commerce Department has taken important strides in establishing new, firm, inter-governmental partnership with Hawaii and the Pacific territories. The fishery development projects are fine examples of this successful partnership," said Senator Inouye.

"Secretary Kreps has served our country with great distinction, and she will be deeply missed by us all," he said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

ELECTRIC VEHICLES FUNDED

**topic:**

WEDNESDAY, October 10, 1979

**date:**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee, at the urging of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, today approved \$10.2 million for the Department of Energy electric vehicle program which provides funding for research and demonstration projects to local governments.

The Hawaii Natural Energy Institute now has a four-year contract with the Department to test 15 electric vehicles, with a federal share of \$366,000 and the State share \$219,911.

Officials of the Institute warned that this program would have been seriously jeopardized by an earlier action of the Senate Appropriations Interior Subcommittee, which deleted all 1980 Fiscal Year funds for this area. The full committee today restored the program's funding.

The County of Hawaii has also recently submitted a proposal, under this program, for 10 electric vehicles to be used in Hilo in the County's vehicle fleet. The requested federal share is \$211,413 and the County share would be \$138,229.

Research so far has shown that Hawaii is ideal for electric vehicle research for the following reasons:

-- Its year-round climate provides optimum temperatures for the operation of electric batteries.

-- Hawaii's short driving distances are fully within the current practical range of electric vehicles.

-- Alternative sources of energy, such as wind or geothermal, could provide energy which can be stored at night by electric batteries.

In other energy developments, the Department of Energy today announced that the Hawaiian Electric Company's proposal for energy-generating wind turbines has been selected for possible future funding. Out of 18 applicants for large-scale operating wind turbines, a project in Washington state was chosen for the actual award. Six others, including Hawaiian Electric Company, were named "candidate sites for future machines" by the Department.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:**

PARK FUNDS APPROVED

**date:**

Thursday, October 11, 1979

**release date:**

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The new Kaloko-Honokohau National Park will receive \$7 million, and the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park \$562,000, for land acquisition in the Interior Appropriations measure approved yesterday by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye joined other committee members in urging full funding for the federal parks program for the fiscal year starting October 1980 following Senate floor passage.

The money provides the initial land acquisition for the Kaloko-Honokohau Park. Funds for the Big Island parks were authorized last year in an omnibus national parks law, but passage of the appropriations measure is required to actually release the funds.

The measure also provides federal grants to state parks. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a total of \$359.3 million, with \$3,467,163 earmarked for Hawaii. The House version had cut the total amount to \$200 million, with Hawaii receiving only \$2 million. The difference in figures will be resolved in a House-Senate conference committee.

In the Senate committee's Interior Appropriations measure, American Samoa would receive federal support of \$17.3 million, a \$1 million increase over the administration and House budget versions. The Samoan government warned that if the \$1 million cut for government operations is carried out, about 1,000 government workers would receive pay cuts and area unemployment would escalate. This appropriation will also be resolved in a conference committee, following Senate floor passage.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** NURSE-MIDWIFE SERVICES AVAILABLE

**date:** Wednesday, October 17, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Department of Defense this week began authorizing payment of fees to nurse-midwives, under the nation's military medical program.

"This is a major step forward for the nursing profession and will definitely help us get more effective use of our health care dollars," said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, author of the legislative change to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

The new policy sets standards for certification as nurse-midwives and ends the requirement that they work under the supervision of a physician. It is retroactive to cover services rendered since October 1978.

Some 8.6 million military dependents and retirees are eligible for health benefits under CHAMPUS. There are an estimated 1,500 nurse-midwives certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives, working in 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The change in CHAMPUS was made under the Defense Appropriations Act for 1979, enacted last year, which contains language proposed by Inouye providing for independent reimbursement of nurse-midwives.

"While certified nurse-midwives work in a variety of socio-economic settings, it is in medically underserved areas that they have most dramatically demonstrated the contribution they can make to the improved health of our women and infants. It has been estimated that one-third of the nurse-midwives in this country serve in communities with populations under 30,000. The result in several of these areas have been clear improvements in infant mortality rates.

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"We cannot be successful in curtailing the rapidly escalating cost of health care until we begin to accept the nurse-midwife and her counterpart, the nurse practitioner, as true professionals. The time has long passed for us to accord them independent reimbursement status under our various federal programs," Inouye said.

Still pending before Congress are measures proposed by Inouye which would extend similar nurse-midwife coverage to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** PANEL PASSES EDUCATION BILL

**date:** WEDNESDAY, October 24, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs today unanimously approved the native Hawaiian education bill introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, sending it to the Senate floor.

"This legislation will play a key role in determining whether native Hawaiians, in the future, will continue to occupy the low rungs of our social and economic ladder or climb upwards", said Inouye, who urged his fellow committee members to approve the measure.

It would provide federal formula grants to the State education system based on the number of Hawaiian students, college scholarships for professional studies, adult education and job training programs, and educational planning and demonstration project grants.

Several amendments suggested by Inouye were adopted by the committee:

--Hawaiian youths who drop out or are not enrolled in schools were added to the federal formula for determining grants;

--Early childhood education programs and local universities were added to the State Department of Education and native Hawaiian organizations as eligible recipients of planning and demonstration project grants.

--Nursing assessments, through personal interviews and physical examinations, of native Hawaiian children would be made, to help meet their psychological and social needs.

Inouye chaired hearings in Hawaii on the measure on May 30 and 31, at which public testimony documented the poor success rate of native Hawaiians in schools and the failure of current federal education programs to meet their problems.

**news from**

# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** CHAMPUS EXPANDED

**date:** THURSDAY, October 25, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee, at the urging of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, today approved expansion of the nation's military medical program to allow optometrists, psychiatric nurses and other nurse practitioners to directly receive fees for their services.

Present rules of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) now require that they be referred or supervised by a physician.

Also approved by the committee, on which Inouye serves, was report language expressing concern over the high incidence of child abuse and neglect in Hawaii's military community and requesting a General Accounting Office investigation of the problem.

"These provisions in the Defense Appropriations bill will provide a major improvement in health care for this program's 8.6 million eligible persons.

"State officials inform me that they received 330 reports of child abuse among military families last year and expect 400 cases this year. This is a serious problem which places a heavy burden on Hawaii's public agencies, and needs to be corrected if our active duty military is to minimize personal family problems", Inouye said.

The CHAMPUS legislation is similar to another change, also proposed by Inouye, which was implemented last week by the Defense Department, authorizing direct reimbursement for nurse midwife services.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INCREASED

**date:** THURSDAY, October 25, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A substantial increase in funds for tropical and subtropical agricultural research, in which the University of Hawaii is internationally recognized, was approved last night by the Senate-House conference committee on the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who had been instrumental in obtaining funding for the program last session, had again expressed his support for support of the research efforts.

Approved was \$2.8 million for Fiscal Year 1980, starting this month, an increase of \$600,000 over the current year funding. The conference agreement was compromised between a House figure of \$2.2 million and the Senate-passed \$3.2 million.

The measure will now go to the Senate and House floors for final passage.

Hawaii, Florida and Puerto Rico are the primary recipients of the research funds, aimed at increasing small farm productivity and self-sufficiency of developing countries.

"This program is an essential part of the mission of our University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture, and is also important in helping our domestic agricultural industry avoid and destroy foreign pests and diseases. It enables Hawaii to play a key international role in assisting the spread of technology to underdeveloped Asian nations", Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** SENATE PASSES CRUISE BILL

**date:** Friday, November 2, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate yesterday unanimously approved legislation enabling five passenger cruise ships to operate between the West Coast and Hawaii.

The measure, introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, would authorize the S.S. UNITED STATES, S.S. OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE, S.S. SANTA ROSA, S.S. MARIPOSA, AND S.S. MONTEREY to engage in domestic passenger cruise service.

Private firms have plans to begin cruise service to Hawaii with the liners, which would be the only passenger vessels to operate among U.S. ports. In addition to reviving domestic cruise service, the liners would provide major boosts to the American maritime industry, the tourism industry, and help national security by increasing cargo and troop-carrying capability.

The legislation initially passed the Senate on September 6, but because of an amendment added in the House, it was necessary for the Senate to act again.

The Senate action sends the measure to the President for his approval.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** INDOCHINESE CENSUS TASK FORCE

**date:** FRIDAY, November 2, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

Senator Daniel K. Inouye today expressed his strong support to Vincent Barabba, Director of the Bureau of the Census, for the formation of an Indochinese Task Force within the Bureau. The task force will address specific concerns of the recent "boat people" and immigrants from Southeast Asia.

The Senator has previously expressed his concern to the Bureau of the importance of a program to effectively count the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander population. In communicating with the Bureau, Inouye had inquired about the minority statistics program for the Asian and Pacific American population, and emphasized the need for indigenous enumerators and translated materials.

"The importance of the 1980 Census to the State of Hawaii with its diverse ethnic make-up cannot be over emphasized", said Inouye. He also urged an effective media plan to educate non-English speaking people in Hawaii that an accurate count is crucial for future federal funding.

The Bureau will be issuing bilingual guides in 30 ethnic languages, including Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Hawaiian, Tagalog, Chamorro and Vietnamese. 1,079 temporary employees will be hired in Hawaii to conduct the total Census, slated for April 1, 1980.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** WOMEN'S WORKSHOP SLATED

**date:** MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Labor will sponsor a workshop in Honolulu to discuss employment problems faced by Asian and Pacific Island women, in response to requests by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

The workshop will be part of a series of discussions in various cities by the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department to examine problems such as sex discrimination, language difficulties and low pay among women workers.

"The discrimination encountered by Asian and Pacific Island women is as serious as that faced by other women in our society. Moreover, Hawaii has a large number of recent immigrant women from Indochina and the Pacific Islands who are particularly vulnerable to these hardships," said Inouye in urging the expansion of the workshops to include Hawaii.

The Women's Bureau had originally planned to sponsor workshops only in Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and New York, but agreed to include Honolulu after requests from Inouye and women leaders in Hawaii.

A specific time and location for the Honolulu workshop will be announced later by the Labor Department.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAIIAN EDUCATION BILL PASSES  
**date:** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Senate today unanimously passed the native Hawaiian Education Bill proposed by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, sending it to the House.

"The passage of this legislation indicates the strong belief of the Senate in the need for federal assistance if the native Hawaiians are to better themselves socially and economically," said Inouye.

The measure provides federal formula grants to the state education system based on the school-age Hawaiian population, college scholarships for professional studies, adult education and job training programs, and educational planning and demonstration project grants.

Inouye chaired hearings of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs in Hawaii in May, at which public testimony documented the poor success rate of native Hawaiians in schools and the failure of current programs to meet their needs.

Similar legislation passed the Senate last year, but there was insufficient time for the House to act.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** FLOOD OFFICE OPENING SET

**date:** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Honolulu office of the Federal Insurance Administration will be formally opened on November 30, 1979 in a ceremony attended by Gloria Jimenez, administrator of the agency, and Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who had actively pushed for the local office.

The field office to handle flood insurance matters, is headed by Ken Garner, former branch claims manager in Hilo for Hawaiian Insurance Companies. It is located in Suite 1002 of the Gold Bond Building, at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, telephone (808) 531-1371.

The office will deal with questions and problems involving the National Flood Program, which requires the development of maps outlining flood and tsunami probe areas, along with building construction standards for those areas. Local communities will be required to enact building and land use controls based on that information, and residences will have to meet construction standards to qualify for federal flood insurance and emergency disaster relief.

"There is understandable concern on the part of residents and builders that our Islands' unique needs be recognized under this national program. Because of our special vulnerability to tsunamis and flooding, we should encourage the highest degree of participation in this program. I am confident that this Honolulu office will greatly assist our participation," said Inouye.

Prior to the establishment of the local office, complaints and questions regarding the program were forwarded to the Federal Insurance Administration offices in Washington, D.C.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

MILITARY PROJECTS IN HAWAII

topic:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1979

date:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

release date:

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday approved a military construction measure which contains \$36.28 million in Hawaii projects, announced Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the key committee.

Inouye said he was confident that the \$3.9 billion appropriations measure for Fiscal Year 1980 will meet with full Senate approval.

The projects and costs are as follows:

## ARMY

Schofield Barracks.....\$2,750,000  
Construction of a 38-room dental clinic to replace the base's present 47-year-old facility.

## NAVY

Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station..... 4,800,000  
Construction of an automotive maintenance facility.

Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor..... 230,000  
Oil spill containment basins at ship fueling stations and piers

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard..... 7,720,000  
Consolidation and improvements of riggers and laborers shop and the temporary services shop. Lighting system conversion from incandescent to high-pressure lighting.

Naval Magazine, Lualualei.....15,700,000  
Land acquisition

Naval Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor..... 1,000,000  
Improvements to the compressed air breathing system

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AIR FORCE

Kokee Air Force Station.....\$ 250,000  
Construction of new concrete foundation  
for radome tower and radar antenna

Maui Air Force Station..... 3,650,000  
Additions and alterations to the space  
tracking observatory to support the  
installation of new electro-optical  
equipment. Present system will  
eventually be phased out.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Hickam Air Force Base..... 180,000  
Aircraft arresting system

TOTAL, STATE OF HAWAII.....\$36,280,000

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII MOVERS PROTECTED

**date:** Tuesday, November 13, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Defense Department would be prohibited for another year from implementing a Competitive Rate Program for military household moving to Hawaii and Alaska, in the Defense Appropriations measure approved by the Senate last week and sent to a conference committee.

The ban on the Competitive Rate Program was inserted by the Senate Appropriations Committee with the support of Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Alaska Senator Ted Stevens.

The proposed competitive bidding system would award military moving contracts exclusively to the lowest bidder, unlike the current system, which allows all firms to match the winning bid, thereby better distributing the military contracts.

Hawaii's moving industry has warned that the proposed system could allow larger moving companies to force smaller firms out of business by unfairly driving down the bidding. Half of Hawaii's 500 moving industry employees could lose their jobs under such a system.

Last year Inouye was also successful in obtaining a one-year prohibition on the proposed program through an insertion in the Defense Appropriations measure. That prohibition expires at the end of this year.

Like last year, the Competitive Rate Program will be discussed in a Senate-House conference committee, because the Senate included the CRP prohibition while the House did not. Inouye will serve as a conferee.

Also included, at the request of Inouye, in the Defense Appropriations measure passed by the Senate on Friday, is:

--A modification of the nation's military medical program to enable optometrists, psychiatric nurses and other nurse practitioners to independently receive fees for their services. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) now requires that they work under the supervision of a physician.

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Inouye has argued that the change would provide equally efficient health services at a lower cost.

--An expression of concern over the unusually high incidence of child abuse and neglect cases in Hawaii's military community. It requests an investigation of the problem, which presents a burden on the State's public social assistance program.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** INDOCHINESE STUDENT AID

**date:** WEDNESDAY, November 14, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved a request by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide emergency school assistance for Indochinese refugee students.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye urged his fellow committee members to approve the additional federal funds, for which Hawaii would be eligible.

The Senate committee approved \$18 million in emergency aid, although the original HEW request was \$6 million. It is expected that the Senate figure may be reduced in conference committee, however, because the House has rejected any emergency school aid appropriation.

The funds would be awarded to school districts based on their refugee enrollment. Hawaii is one of 15 states which have absorbed over 80 percent of the new immigrants.

Some 4,120 Indochinese refugees have been resettled in Hawaii since 1975, out of a national total of about 70,000. It has been estimated that these figures will double within one year.

"Most of these new immigrant children speak no English; many do not even read and write their own native language. It would be unfair to burden school districts with the entire cost of educating these children," Inouye said.

The emergency funds are intended to assist students during the current 1979-80 school year with special educational services, such as English language instruction and bilingual counseling, tutoring and instructional materials.

The appropriations measure now goes to the Senate floor for approval.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, KONA PARK APPROVED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, November 14, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President Carter has signed into law an Agriculture Appropriations measure which contains increased funds for tropical and subtropical agricultural research, in which the University of Hawaii is an active participant.

The measure allots \$2.8 million--an increase of \$600,000 over last year's funding--at the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who was a member of the Senate-House conference committee on the bill.

Hawaii, Florida and Puerto Rico are the primary recipients of the research funds, which are intended to increase small farm productivity and self-sufficiency of developing countries, particularly in Africa and Southeast Asia.

"This research is vital if the United States is to help stem the international famine predicted for the next decade in developing countries", Inouye said.

The measure was signed into law on Friday, November 9.

Another measure now awaiting the President's signature, the Interior Appropriations bill, provides \$7 million to purchase land for the new Kaloko-Honokohau National Cultural Park on the Big Island.

Inouye has been an active supporter of the Kona park, which is intended to preserve and demonstrate ancient Hawaiian culture. Once a thriving Hawaiian settlement, the site is a national historical landmark, with a heiau, petroglyphs and other artifacts. It is also believed to be the burial place of Kamehameha the Great.

Legislation was enacted last year authorizing the establishment of the park, but approval of the appropriations measure is necessary to actually release the funds. The bill was sent to the President following Congressional passage on Friday.

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In related action, the Interior Department this week notified Inouye of the formation of an advisory commission for the new park. It is to advise the National Park Service on the historical, archeological, cultural and interpretive programs to be offered.

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint the nine members. Under law, all must be Hawaii residents, with at least six native Hawaiians. Interested persons should contact members of the Hawaii Congressional delegation or the Secretary's office.

The Interior Appropriations measure also provides federal grants to individual states for local parks. Hawaii is earmarked to receive \$2,956,099 out of the total \$300 million figure.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** CRUISE SHIP LAW SIGNED  
**date:** THURSDAY, November 15, 1979  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- President Carter today signed into law a measure introduced by Senator Daniel K. Inouye enabling five passenger liners to operate between the West Coast and Hawaii.

The S.S. UNITED STATES, S.S. OCEANIC INDEPENDENCE, S.S. SANTA ROSA, S.S. MARIPOSA and S.S. MONTEREY are authorized, under this law, to operate in the domestic passenger cruise service.

"This is an important first step in revitalizing the U.S. passenger fleet, which is now non-existent, and will also improve tourism revenues for their various domestic ports," said Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Tourism.

Federal authorization was necessary for the liners to begin U.S. service because they were owned by foreign firms after being built with partial federal funding. Federal cabotage laws provide that vessels forever lose the right to operate domestically once placed under foreign flag or rebuilt abroad.

Private firms have plans for cruise service with the vessels, using Hawaii as a home port. There are now no liners operating between U.S. ports.

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# Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** HAWAII MILITARY PROJECTS

**date:** THURSDAY, November 15, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate-House conference committee today reached agreement on a military construction appropriations bill containing \$33.53 million in Hawaii projects, said Senator Daniel K. Inouye, a member of the conference.

The conference report now goes to the Senate and House floors for final passage.

Only one project--a \$2.7 million dental clinic at Scholfield Barracks--was deleted from the earlier Senate-passed measure. That project will be deferred pending further study by military planners.

The approved projects and costs are as follows:

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<u>Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station</u> .....	\$4,800,000
Construction of an automotive maintenance facility.	
<u>Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor</u> .....	230,000
Oil spill containment basins at ship fueling stations and piers	
<u>Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard</u> .....	7,720,000
Consolidation and improvements of riggers and laborers shop and the temporary services shop. Lighting system conversion from incandescent to high-pressure lighting.	
<u>Naval Magazine, Lualualei</u> .....	15,700,000
Land acquisition	
<u>Naval Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor</u> .....	1,000,000
Improvements to the compressed air breathing system	

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Kokee Air Force Station..... \$ 250,000  
Construction of new concrete foundation  
for radome tower and radar antenna

Maui Air Force Station.....3,650,000  
Additions and alterations to the space  
tracking observatory to support the  
installation of new electro-optical  
equipment. Present system will eventually  
be phased out.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Hickam Air Force Base.....180,000  
Aircraft arresting system

TOTAL, STATE OF HAWAII.....\$33,530,000

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

**date:** NOVEMBER 20, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously reported the International Sugar Agreement to the floor of the Senate for its consideration.

The International Sugar Agreement through a quota stabilization mechanism and special stockpiling provisions is designed to maintain the world price of sugar between 11 cents and 21 cents per pound.

"Without ratification of the I.S.A., prices of sugar will likely become increasingly volatile; subject to rapid rises as high or higher than those which occurred in the period 1974 to 1975 and subsequent glut and disastrously low prices," Inouye explained earlier this year in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"Hopefully, this most recent action will be complemented by Administration support for an adequate domestic sugar price support program", said Senator Inouye.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** CENSUS POSITIONS  
**date:** NOVEMBER 20, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Bureau of the Census, under the Department of Commerce, informed Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) that the following have been selected for the top positions with the 1980 Census Count in Hawaii:

Billie Beamer - Honolulu District Office Manager

Luz Abcede - Waipahu District Office Manager.

Ms. Beamer is former Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Ms. Abcede, former Director of the Kalihi-Palama Immigrant Service Center, has also served as legislative aide for State Senator Anson Chong.

The District Office Managers are responsible for conducting the overall 1980 Census program within their state. This includes coordinating recruitment and hiring of personnel with the Census Regional Coordinators in Los Angeles, and supervising the field staff. In addition, the office managers will act as Census Bureau representatives with responsibility of informing the people of Hawaii of the importance of the Census Count.

A total of 1,079 temporary employees will be hired in Hawaii to conduct the Census, slated for April 1, 1980.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** STATE HEALTH AWARDS

**date:** Tuesday, November 27, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The State Department of Health today was awarded three grants totaling \$712,000 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to improve health services to Hawaii residents, announced Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Inouye had strongly supported the grant applications in correspondence with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The grants consist of:

- \*\* \$346,237 for maternal and child health care and for crippled children. It is intended to provide services aimed at reducing infant mortality, prevent and treat birth handicaps, and assist high-risk pregnancies.
- \*\* \$325,000 under the federal urban and rural health initiative health program, for community clinics such as the Kalihi-Palama Kokua Health Center, Waikiki Health Clinic and Hale Hoola Hou. These clinics emphasize primary health services, such as counseling, dental care, nutrition, elderly care and immunization, in areas of high immigrant population.
- \*\* \$42,000 for the hypertension services program offered by the Chronic Disease Branch of the State Department of Health.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** BIG ISLAND PARK FUNDED

**date:** TUESDAY, November 27, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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"This is an important first step in increasing awareness, among both local residents and visitors, of the thriving and dynamic native Hawaiian culture that once flourished in these Islands," said Inouye, who had strongly urged the inclusion of the park funds.

He urged interested members of the community to participate in the planning of the future park's programs, by serving on an advisory commission now being formed by the National Park Service. Application information can be obtained from the Service or members of the Hawaii Congressional delegation.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** RATE PROGRAM BAN APPROVED

**date:** WEDNESDAY, November 28, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Senate-House conference committee today agreed to protect Hawaii and Alaska for one more year from the Competitive Rate Program (CPR) for overseas military household moving.

The prohibition was included in the Defense Appropriations measure at the request of Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Moving companies in Hawaii and Alaska have warned that under the Competitive Rate Program, price undercutting by larger firms could drive smaller companies out of business.

● The proposed competitive bidding system would award military moving contracts exclusively to the lowest bidder, unlike the current system, which allows all firms to match the lowest bid, providing better distribution of contracts among firms.

"Hawaii's moving firms, which already face financial difficulties, could be ruined by the implementation of the Competitive Rate Program," Inouye said.

The Defense Appropriations bill now goes to the Senate and House floors for final passage.

Last year Inouye was also successful in obtaining a one-year delay of the proposed program through an insertion in the Defense Appropriations Bill.

The conferees today also agreed to an Inouye proposal to enable the nation's optometrists to independently receive fees for their services under the nation's military medical program (CHAMPUS). The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) serves 8.6 million military dependents and retirees.

"This is most timely as CHAMPUS is developing a new vision benefit package that can now include optometrist services," Inouye said.

● The measure directs the Defense Department to conduct a six-month study of possible direct reimbursement to psychiatric nurses and other nurse practitioners.

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"I am convinced that this study will show enormous potential savings, at no discernible loss in quality, for our military medical program. I am especially pleased that psychiatric nurses will be reimbursed, because 'mental illness' continues to have an unfortunate stigma in society, and this will be an important step forward.

"I have long worked for greater utilization of nurses, optometrists and psychologists to reduce our health care costs and offer better access to health care for the general population," Inouye said.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** MARINE GRANT FOR HAWAII

**date:** THURSDAY, November 29, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The State of Hawaii is receiving a \$1.1 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for its coastal zone management program, Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today.

The federal funds, matched with \$275,000 from the State, will be used to administer the State and County programs, study Kawainui Marsh--site of extensive ancient Hawaii agricultural system--and assist in the simplification of aquaculture licensing procedures.

NOAA also notified Inouye of the award of a \$112,688 contract to Dillingham Shipyard for the drydocking of the CROMWELL, a 163-foot research vessel used for fish and marine resource investigations in Hawaii. The vessel is one of 26 in the NOAA fleet.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** STUDENT DELEGATES CHOSEN

**date:** WEDNESDAY, December 5, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Fe Delos-Santos of Moanalua High School and Eduardo Perez Dona of Waianae High School have been appointed Hawaii delegates to the 1980 United States Senate Youth Program, announced Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga today.

Both seniors will travel, all expenses paid, to the nation's capital for a week-long study, from February 2-9, of the federal government and to meet with Inouye, Matsunaga, and other Senators. They will also receive \$1,500 college scholarships.

Delos-Santos, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolfo Delos-Santos of Ala Lilikoi Street, Moanalua. She is corresponding secretary of the Moanalua High School Student Association.

Dona, 17, is the ward of Carmelita P. Rodrigues of Piliuka Place, Waianae. He is president of his senior class.

They were selected by State Schools Superintendent Charles G. Clark to participate in the program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Named as alternates were Kenneth F. Goldstein of Iolani School and Karlen S. Sakamoto of Kau High School.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** FARM AMENDMENT OFFERED

**date:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Hawaii leaseholders would become eligible for financial assistance from the U.S. Farmers Home Administration for farm improvements, rural housing and community facility development, under a proposal today by Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

His amendment to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act would redefine "owner-operators" under Farmers Home Administration programs to include "lessee-operators". The amendment is expected to be voted on next week by the Senate.

"This amendment is very important to the people of Hawaii because there are large areas of land used for farming or rural housing, which cannot be owned in fee, but instead must be leased.

"In 1970, Hawaii had approximately 1,500 farmers operating on about 400,000 acres of leased land. These farmers have difficulty obtaining financing for modernizing improvements, which are necessary for efficient and successful farming," Inouye said in a floor statement.

The Farmers Home Administration offers financial loans for uses such as livestock and machinery purchases, development of ponds for aquaculture, farm improvements, and construction or repair of rural housing in open country or communities of less than 10,000.

● The FmHA office for Hawaii is located in Hilo.

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# ● Senator DANIEL K. INOUE

**topic:** IMPACT AID AWARDED

**date:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1979

**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Hawaii State Department of Education will receive a check next week for \$10,247,007.94 as part of the U.S. Department of Education's annual payments to schools in federally affected areas.

The figure is three-fourths of the approximately \$15.5 million that is expected for the 1980 fiscal year.

Impact aid is awarded on the basis of military population, to ease the burden placed on public schools by the federal personnel, who do not pay local property taxes. Much of the aid in Hawaii is used for teachers' salaries.

Hawaii, because of its large military population, traditionally receives a large amount under the impact aid program.

The balance of the expected subsidy will be awarded next year, after a January 1980 military census determines their exact number in Hawaii.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

TROPICAL FOOD GRANT

**topic:**

FRIDAY, December 14, 1979

**date:**

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**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Scientists at the University of Hawaii will study Island-grown fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds for possible use in combating nutritional problems in Pacific Island areas, under a two-year, \$39,000 agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, who was notified today of the research agreement, said the findings could be vital in those Pacific Islands where diet-related illnesses are frequently a problem.

"This is an example of the beneficial role that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture, in cooperation with the Federal Government, can play in assisting the welfare of those in the Pacific Basin," Inouye said.

The research team, headed by B. R. Standal, will identify nutrients in agricultural products -- such as papayas, mangoes and breadfruit -- that can help solve problems such as iron-deficiency anemia, lack of calcium, tooth decay, diabetes, hypertension, atherosclerosis and obesity.

Work has already begun on Oahu to collect samples of about 30 tropical agricultural products, some not now widely used as food. They will be analyzed for iron, calcium, carotene (source of vitamin A), ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and essential amino acids.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

BITTERMAN SELECTED

**topic:**

FRIDAY, December 14, 1979

**date:**

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**release date:**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The White House today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye that President Carter is prepared to nominate Mary Bitterman, now Executive Director of Hawaii Public Television, to the position of Director of the Voice of America.

The executive nomination, pending normal security clearances, will go to the Senate for confirmation.

● "I am pleased that Mary Bitterman's very superior talents have been recognized by the Administration and that the Voice of America will benefit from a director of such outstanding caliber," Inouye said.

In addition to her position at KHET, Bitterman is on the Board of Governors of The East-West Center.

Voice of America produces and broadcasts radio programs in English and 36 foreign languages for overseas audiences. These programs consist of news, news analyses, feature events and music.

Bitterman would have the title of Associate Director for Broadcasting of the International Communication Agency.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** HAWAII FARM AMENDMENT PASSES

**date:** SATURDAY, December 15, 1979

**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Legislation passed by the Senate yesterday would enable Hawaii's leasehold farmers to obtain financial assistance from the Farmers Home Administration.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye has proposed the amendment to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, redefining "owner-operators" eligible for Farmers Home Administration loans to include "lease-operators" in Hawaii.

"This legislation was necessary because in Hawaii, much of the land is available only on a lease basis, rather than in fee.

"In 1970, Hawaii had approximately 1,500 farmers operating on 400,000 acres of lease land. These farmers, including those on Hawaiian Home Lands tracts, have difficulty obtaining financing to modernize their farms," Inouye explained.

The proposal was included in the Farmers Home Administration authorization bill passed by the Senate and sent to a Senate-House conference committee. Since the House had earlier passed an identical provision for Hawaii, this item will not be discussed in conference and is assured of final passage.

The Farmers Home Administration offers financial loans for uses such as livestock and machinery purchases, development of ponds for aquaculture, farm improvements, and construction or repair of rural housing.

The Farmers Home Administration district office for Hawaii is located in Hilo.

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# ● **Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE**

**topic:** "DAY OF UNITY"  
**date:** , TUESDAY, December 18, 1979  
**release date:** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In accordance with the Presidential declaration of today as a "Day of Unity", Senator Daniel K. Inouye today made the following Senate floor statement:

As we approach Christmas Day, we are all drawn to thoughts of our loved ones. We look forward in this season to being with our families and friends, sharing gifts and celebrating our many blessings.

● This holiday season, however, there are 50 fellow Americans who face the possibility that they may not be able to spend Christmas with their families and loved ones. They may have to observe a Christmas of terror and loneliness in our besieged Embassy in Tehran.

In this season of giving and sharing we wonder what we might do for the families of the hostages. I know that this is in the minds and hearts of many Americans. Somehow I feel that the most important thing that we can do is to recognize the gifts that those families have given to all of us.

In a situation which could have been dominated by fear, these families have shown us tremendous courage.

In a crisis which could have produced deep hatred, they have shown us the sustaining power that comes from love.

In a time when prejudice is the easy way, they have taken the much more difficult road of understanding.

In an age of cynics and skeptics, they have been believers.

● In a test of wills that could have produced great divisiveness, these families have instead brought us all closer together.

Courage, love, understanding, belief, and unity; these are the Christmas gifts that the families of the hostages have given to us. For these gifts we will all be eternally grateful.

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# **Senator DANIEL K. INOUE**

**topic:** CENSUS OFFICES  
**date:** THURSDAY, December 27, 1979  
**release date:** For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Census Bureau today notified Senator Daniel K. Inouye of the sites and opening dates of the two Census offices for Hawaii.

The Honolulu district office, headed by Billie Beamer, will open on January 2 at 100 North Beretania Street, Rooms 202 and 203.

The Waipahu district office (for rural Oahu and the Neighbor Islands), headed by Luz Abcede, will open January 28.

Persons interested in 1980 Census employment may contact the district office in their area for more information. A total of 1,079 temporary workers will be hired in Hawaii to conduct the April 1, 1980 Census.