

Whereas, justice dictates that the suffering of the interned Japanese of Latin American ancestry be recognized and that this wrong be righted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, the Senate concurring, That Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged to support and co-sponsor legislation in Congress to equalize reparations for Japanese of Latin American ancestry interned during World War II; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

POM-62. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 56

Whereas, the Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island consisting of 217,000 acres is one of only two national parks in this State; and

Whereas, the Volcanoes National Park attracts about 1,500,000 visitors each year who enjoy the natural beauty of the lava fields, native forests, and ocean cliffs; and

Whereas, a large parcel of land lying to the south and west of the Volcanoes National Park known as Kahuku Ranch consisting of 117,000 acres has come up for sale; and

Whereas, the Kahuku Ranch is a piece of real estate that contains outstanding geological, biological, and cultural, scenic, and recreational value; and

Whereas, the National Park Service since 1945 has recognized that the property contained nationally significant resources and in fact, in its 1975 Master Plan, the National Park Service identified the property as a "potential addition to improve the geological, ecological, and scenic integrity of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park"; and

Whereas, this sale offers an opportunity rarely imagined because it gives the National Park Service an excellent chance to expand and protect native plants and archaeological sites from destruction; and

Whereas, this opportunity can benefit current and future generations of residents and tourists, because expansion of the Volcanoes National Park will preserve more open space, add to the natural environment, protect affected native species, and preserve cultural and historical sites; and

Whereas, the Volcanoes National Park has been soliciting comments from the public regarding possible purchase of Kahuku Ranch and addressing the concerns of access for hunters, cultural practices, educational purposes, jobs, and small business opportunities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, That this body supports the acquisition of Kahuku Ranch by the United States National Park Service for expansion of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the President of the United States Senate; and to the meeting of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

POM-63. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Westminster, Cali-

fornia relative to the Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-64. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Strongsville, Ohio relative to the Domestic Steel Industry; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-65. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Ohio relative to tax relief; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 35

Whereas, Federal taxes are the highest they have ever been during peacetime; and

Whereas, All taxpayers should be allowed to keep more of their own money; and

Whereas, One way to encourage economic growth is to cut marginal tax rates across all tax brackets; and

Whereas, Under current tax law, low-income workers often pay the highest marginal rates; and

Whereas, President Bush's tax relief plan will contribute to raising the standard of living for all Americans; and

Whereas, President Bush's tax relief plan will increase access to the middle class for hard working families, treat all middle class families more fairly, encourage entrepreneurship and growth, and promote charitable giving and education; and

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio requests the Congressional delegation of the State of Ohio to support and work to pass a tax relief plan and, in doing so, give due consideration of the plan offered by President Bush; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, in considering a tax relief plan, place a priority on fair distribution of relief to all Americans, including the lowest wage earners, consider other avenues to relief, such as a reduction in payroll taxes, consider the implications of a plan on programs aiding children, veterans and the poor, and consider a trigger mechanism to adjust the reduction if revenue estimates prove inaccurate.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-66. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Ohio relative to the New Markets for State-Inspected Meat Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION 126

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

Whereas, In 1967, the Wholesome Meat Inspection Act and the Wholesome Poultry Products Act authorized any state with an inspection program certified by the United States Department of Agriculture as at least equal to the federal program to inspect meat and poultry products for distribution within the state's borders. Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture primarily regulates large meat-packing operations, and state inspection programs have developed expertise in addressing the unique needs of small meat-packing operations; and

Whereas, In spite of the fact that state programs must be at least equal to the federal program, a ban exists on the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat. However, meat that is inspected in foreign countries is

not prohibited from being sold in this country; and

Whereas, The ban on the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat has a chilling effect on the growth and prosperity of small meat packers in this country. Not only do the small operations face competition from large domestic meat packers, they are forced to sit idly by while foreign operations have access to purchasers who are off-limits to the small packers; and

Whereas, The New Markets for State-Inspected Meat Act of the 106th United States Congress reinforced a single safety standard between the state programs and the United States Department of Agriculture for all meat and poultry inspections and authorized the interstate shipment of state-inspected products. The proposed law thus provided equal participation in the meat industry for all meat packers while ensuring that the health of consumers would not be compromised. However, the Congress adjourned without enacting it; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Ohio urges the 107th Congress of the United States to reintroduce and pass the New Markets for State-Inspected Meat Act as a means of assisting small meat-packing operations and to restore fairness to the meat industry in this country; and be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Alfred Rascon, of California, to be Director of Selective Service.

David S.C. Chu, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Thomas E. White, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army.

James G. Roche, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Van P. Williams Jr., 0000.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first