

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aug: 14, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 25
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 25 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DETONATION OF THE BRAVO HYDROGEN BOMB OVER BIKINI ATOLL, DECLARING MARCH 1, 2006, AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR THE FULL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB TESTS SURVIVORS AND THEIR PROGENY, PAY APPROPRIATE PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE COSTS OF CLEANING UP NUCLEAR SITES IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IN CONNECTION WITH HYDROGEN BOMB TESTING ON ATOLLS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to ensure that we remember the mistakes that were made in the past when the United States (U.S.) tested nuclear weapons in the Marshall Islands, so that we will not repeat these mistakes, and it will also serve to remind us that there is a responsibility to make amends to the people whose lives have been ill affected by our behavior.

Several concerned citizens of the Marshall Islands and other concerned individuals supported this resolution.



Your Committee finds that it must be made clear the damage to persons and property in the Marshall Islands due to the U.S. nuclear weapons testing and the documented need of more U.S. compensation to cover that damage.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Changing "March 1, 2006" in the title and body of the resolution to "March 1st"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 25, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 25, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on International
Affairs,



HELÈNE H. HALE, Chair



