



HCR6

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

February 13, 2013

10:50 a.m.

Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) strongly **SUPPORTS** HCR6, which is part of OHA's 2013 Legislative Package. HCR6 commemorates the 20th anniversary of the 1993 Apology Resolution, reflects upon the steps taken towards lasting reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people, and reaffirms the commitment of the state towards achieving such reconciliation for the betterment of Native Hawaiians and **all** who live in Hawai'i.

This year, 2013, marks an important opportunity to no'ono'ono, or reflect, on the progress made since the passage of the Apology Resolution. In a rare act of self-criticism, the federal government in 1993 unequivocally recognized the ongoing harms resulting from its role in the colonization and illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and expressed a clear commitment to a process of reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people. The state of Hawai'i, through the passage of Act 354 in 1993, did the same.

As many recognized, the process of seeking reconciliation and justice would not be simple, or easily established. Over the 20 years since the passage of the Apology Resolution, many new issues, considerations, and debates have arisen regarding the proper means to address the ongoing historical harms and challenges faced by Native Hawaiians in restoring and maintaining their culture, cultural values, and self-determination. Today, the path towards lasting reconciliation continues to be a long and uncertain one.

However, as recognized in this resolution, many significant steps forward have also been taken over these past 20 years, and the state of Hawai'i has continually expressed its support of reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-determination through legislation, testimony by government leaders, the investment of state funds, and judicial decisions by its highest court. While much work remains to be done, reflecting upon the progress made thus far is necessary to ensure that the state's underlying commitment towards justice and reconciliation remains alive in our social consciousness, and in our social conscience.

This resolution accordingly reiterates the findings of the 1993 Apology Resolution, recognizes the steps forward that have been made in the last 20 years, and expresses the Legislature's ongoing support and commitment towards achieving a substantive and lasting reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people. OHA supports this resolution and urges the committee today to do the same.

Therefore, OHA strongly urges the Committee to **PASS** HCR6. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.



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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HCR 6 COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC LAW 103-150 RECOGNIZING THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS RECONCILIATION AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION, REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS FOR HISTORICAL INJUSTICES, URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADVANCE RECONCILIATION EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 10:50am; Room 325

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano and members of the committee hearing on HCR 6, the so-called "Apology Bill" of 1993. Public Law 103-150 was introduced during the term of President Bill Clinton and upon the One Hundredth Anniversary of the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs speaking in support of this resolution.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs participated in the commemoration of the 1993 event and we are ready to participate once again when called upon.

Thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs Committee,

As an attorney I support HCR6/SCR2 due to the fact that the overthrow was illegal, plain and simple. Although toothless resolutions are hardly worth the paper that they are printed upon, any step towards eventual real recognition of Hawaiian sovereignty is a positive thing. If the realization of justice leads to me having to apply for, and possibly be denied, Hawaiian citizenship or some type of visa, that is a price I would willingly pay.

Thank you,

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COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC LAW 103-150, RECOGNIZING THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS RECONCILIATION AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION, REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS FOR HISTORICAL INJUSTICES, URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADVANCE RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
House Committee on Water & Land
Hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 10:50 a.m.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HCR 6. I am an associate professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and director of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. I submit this testimony, however, in my personal capacity as a private citizen and an attorney who has worked, litigated, and written on Native Hawaiian legal controversies, particularly in relation to Native Hawaiian lands and resources, political status, and reconciliation, for many years.

HCR 6 is an important restatement of the purpose and effect of Public Law 103-150, the 1993 “Apology Resolution,” and provides a detailed account of the landmark actions and laws impacted by the enactment of the Apology Resolution twenty years ago. The Apology Resolution, considered and passed by Congress, and signed into law by President William Clinton, is a powerful statement of the events of 1893. In the Apology Resolution, Congress apologized to the Native Hawaiian people for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i with the participation of agents and citizens of the United States and expressed its “commitment to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow . . . in order to provide a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people.” Congress specifically recognized that the Government, Crown, and public lands of Hawai‘i were taken without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people or their sovereign government and that “the indigenous Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty as a people or over their national lands to the United States, either through their monarchy or through a plebiscite or referendum.”

HCR 6 commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the Apology Resolution and acknowledges the progress that has been made toward Hawaiian self-governance and self-determination. HCR 6 also recognizes that the State, most recently through Act 195, continues its commitment to reconciliation with the Native Hawaiian people. HCR 6 then strongly urges the federal government to continue reconciliation efforts with the Native Hawaiian community.

HCR 6 is a significant resolution, demonstrating the State’s continuing support for furthering Native Hawaiian self-determination and sovereignty, and calling upon the federal government to re-new its efforts toward reconciliation. I strongly recommend its passage.

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Committee on Water & Land
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RE: HCR 6 COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC LAW 103-150, RECOGNIZING THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS RECONCILIATION AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION, REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS FOR HISTORICAL INJUSTICES, URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADVANCE RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WITH NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

Position: In Support

Dear Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Members of the Committee on Water & Land,

I am writing to testify **in support** of HCR 6.

Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and to address the ramifications it has carried to today, particularly for the Native Hawaiian people, but also for all others who call our islands home. *Justice in Hawai'i will never be achieved without justice for the Hawaiian people, and the Hawaiian nation.*

All who live in and love Hawai'i as their home should support this measure. To truly move Hawai'i towards a brighter and more enlightened future, Hawai'i must acknowledge and address the injustices of its past. This resolution ensures that Hawai'i acknowledges our past, and keeps alive a vision that seeks to address the ongoing harms to the lands, culture, and self-determination of the Native Hawaiian people resulting from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 6.

Amy Sojot
Mililani, HI

February 11, 2013

Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing today to urge **your support of HCR 6.**

In the past twenty years, important progress has been made in pursuit of Native Hawaiian cultural identity, self-determination, and sovereignty. However, the struggle has not been, and likely never will be an easy one, and important issues and concerns continue to be healthily but vigorously debated with respect to the best way forward. As we prepare ourselves to continue the movement, we should therefore take a moment to reflect upon the shared vision of all those who support justice and a sovereign Hawaiian government for Hawai'i, and to reconfirm the long-held commitment of the state of Hawai'i to promote reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-determination for the benefit of all the people of these islands.

This resolution helps to ensure that the historic losses, ramifications, and ongoing responsibilities of the state as a direct result of the 1893 overthrow remain in our social consciousness, and in our social conscience. Please support the ongoing struggle for justice and reconciliation in Hawai'i nei!

Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and to address the ramifications it has carried to today, particularly for the Native Hawaiian people, but also for all others who call our islands home. Justice in Hawai'i will never be achieved without justice for the Hawaiian people, and the Hawaiian nation.

All who live in and love Hawai'i as their home should support this measure. To truly move Hawai'i towards a brighter and more enlightened future, Hawai'i must acknowledge and address the injustices of its past. This resolution ensures that Hawai'i acknowledges our past, and keeps alive a vision that seeks to address the ongoing harms to the lands, culture, and self-determination of the Native Hawaiian people resulting from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

E ola mau nā keiki papa a me ka lāhui o Hawai'i (Long live the native born and the nation of Hawai'i).

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR6.

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| Troy Abraham | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Christina Aiu | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: In the past twenty years, important progress has been made in pursuit of Native Hawaiian cultural identity, self-determination, and sovereignty. However, the struggle has not been, and likely never will be an easy one, and important issues and concerns continue to be healthily but vigorously debated with respect to the best way forward. As we prepare ourselves to continue the movement, we should therefore take a moment to reflect upon the shared vision of all those who support justice and a sovereign Hawaiian government for Hawai'i, and to reconfirm the long-held commitment of the state of Hawai'i to promote reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-determination for the benefit of all the people of these islands.

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| Kevin Chang | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha honorable legislators, Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and to address the ramifications it has carried to today, particularly for the Native Hawaiian people, but also for all others who call our islands home. Continued and deliberate actions to address our state solemn obligations from the outfall post-Cook and the overthrow are essential to the continuing health and psyche of our community. Indeed, for Hawaiian island people, native or not these issues involve the fabric and heart of our families and our very identity as a community. Aloha nui Kevin

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| Randy Compton | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and to address the ramifications it has carried to today, particularly for the Native Hawaiian people, but also for all others who call our islands home. Justice in Hawai'i will never be achieved without justice for the Hawaiian people, and the Hawaiian nation.

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| Debora Gowensmith | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: In the past twenty years, important progress has been made in pursuit of Native Hawaiian self-determination. It's time to reconfirm the long-held commitment of the state of Hawaii to promote reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-determination for the benefit of all the people of these islands. This resolution helps to ensure that the historic losses, ramifications, and ongoing responsibilities of the state as a direct result of the 1893 overthrow remain in our social conscience and in our policy. This resolution ensures that Hawaii acknowledges our past. It keeps alive a vision that seeks to address the ongoing destruction to the land, culture, and self-determination of the Native Hawaiian people resulting from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice to the Hawaiian people and to address the ramifications it has carried to today for all who call these islands home. Mahalo.

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| Bryce Groff | Individual | Support | No |

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| Kamealoha Hanohano-Smith | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: My name is Kamealoha Hanohano Smith raised in Anahola but currently reside in Wailua on the island of Kauai. I am writing this online testimony in support of HCR6. Every so often we have remind ourselves about dates and events in our history that are relevant and meaningful. This bill reminds me that, 'A'ole I Pau - the work I do as a Hawaiian Immersion Traditional Resource Management Outreach Kumu is still not done and the Kanaka, like others, still need to find ways to partner with others outside of our community, in order to for the native language to continue to thrive. There has been much progress with our language since the first apology was issued in 1993, nonetheless, there are books that have to be written in Hawaiian , software that has to be created in Hawaiian, tracks of 'aina and kai marine resources that have to be inventoried and researched, TV programs have to be produced in our beloved mother tongue, and assessments for students in Hawaiian medium schools that have to be created. I hope this bill will play a role in insuring that resources are equitably distributed between those schools who's medium of instruction is English and those schools who's medium of instruction is Hawaiian, after all we have two state official languages. Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o with the committee.

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| George Ka'uhane | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Hawaiian Nationals as well as Native Hawaiians need to be Repatriated!

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| Juanita Brown Kawamoto | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: The plight of the Hawaiian kingdom and their ever vigilant and loyal subjects will continue to move forward until our nation is restored to it's rightful and just place, as a independent government equal to all governments of the world. "Ke maopopo he Hawai`i au" (For I understand, I am Hawaiian.)

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| Leimomi Khan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Support this bill as a reminder of the work still ahead of us and of the state's commitment to reconciliation with Native Hawaiians and its support of Native Hawaiian self-determination and sovereignty.

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| Jonathan Leland | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: E ola mau ke keiki papa a me ka lāhui o Hawai i!

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| Jenny Lee | Individual | Support | No |

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| Joel Mark | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I strongly support house concurrent resolution 6, it represents a small but important step on the path to address past injustices and to move toward the the ultimate goal of decolonization, self-determination, and sovereignty.

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| walter Ritte | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE!!!! WE NEED AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE TO REMEDY THE SITUATION!

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| Bill Sager | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: All who live in and love Hawai'i as their home should support this measure. To truly move Hawai i towards a brighter and more enlightened future, Hawai i must acknowledge and address the injustices of its past. This resolution ensures that Hawai i acknowledges our past, and keeps alive a vision that seeks to address the ongoing harms to the lands, culture, and self-determination of the Native Hawaiian people resulting from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

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| Luke Sarvis | Individual | Support | No |

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| Hardy Spoehr | | Support | No |

Comments: Papa Ola Lokahi strongly supports this legislation and has maintained a number of recommendations as it relates to the full implementation of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 111-148).

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| Wayne Tanaka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha mai e Kōmike o Ke Kuleana Hawaii, E olu olu kākou e kākoo i kēia palapala kaulike (HCR 6). Mahalo nui loa a me mālama pono.

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| Mauna Kea Trask | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please support this resolution. The recognition of the historical wrongs done to native hawaiians and the nation of hawaii is a moral imperative for all of the people of Hawaii and its leadres. mahalo.

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Unity, Equality, Aloha for All

To: OMH, JUD
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Re: HCR6 commemorating 20th anniversary of U.S. apology resolution
Date: February 10, 2013

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

To convey my reasons for opposing this resolution, I am providing below a proposed amendment to HCR6 in the nature of a substitute (a process sometimes called "gut and replace"). Each "whereas" clause contains one or two footnotes providing extensive documentation to prove what is asserted.

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Whereas the U.S. apology resolution (USAR) PL 103-150 incorrectly apologizes solely to Native Hawaiians for the U.S. role in overthrowing the monarchy in the Hawaiian revolution of 1893, but any apology (if owed at all) should be directed to all the multiracial population of Hawaii in 1893; and whereas the apology should especially include the large numbers of Caucasians who were native-born or naturalized subjects of the Kingdom, many of whom served as judges, members of the legislature, and were a majority of department heads, teachers and officers of the government; and whereas the racially exclusive apology creates divisiveness because it causes ethnic Hawaiians to believe they are entitled to racially exclusive ownership of Hawaii and racially exclusive government handouts [n#1]; and

Whereas USAR is filled with twisted half-truths and outright falsehoods about the history of Hawaii and especially the Hawaiian revolution of 1893

[n#2]; and

Whereas Senator Inouye assured his colleagues during the floor debate in 1993, that USAR would never be used to justify a demand for secession, [n#3] yet numerous Hawaiian sovereignty groups have been using it that way for 20 years [n#4]; and

Whereas Senator Inouye assured his colleagues during the floor debate in 1993, that USAR would never be used to justify demands for restitution in the form of special race-based government handouts; [n#5] yet USAR has been cited in the "findings" preambles of every major bill introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka to provide federal recognition to Native Hawaiians as an Indian tribe, and to provide special race-based programs in housing, healthcare, education, etc. [n#6]; and

Whereas USAR has prompted many ethnic Hawaiians to clog the courts with bogus assertions that the federal and state governments are illegal in Hawaii and hence lack jurisdiction over them to enforce requirements for vehicle registrations and driver licenses [n#7]; and

Whereas activists have used USAR to insist the U.S. flag must not fly over 'Iolani Palace, to assert ethnic Hawaiian takeovers of the Palace, and to oppose government regulations for use of Palace grounds[n#8]; and

Whereas USAR has been used in two different campaigns a decade apart by a Hawaiian sovereignty activist in collaboration with realtors to perpetrate a scam by asserting that the "illegal overthrow of the monarchy" means that deeds to private property are not valid unless re-certified by the activist acting as an agent of the Hawaiian kingdom, and clients are charged around \$2,000 for a bogus title search, and bogus documents are filed with the Bureau of Conveyances placing a cloud on valid deeds, and ignorant clients are persuaded to stop paying mortgages on the theory that the mortgages are not valid, and title insurance companies are sued to pay the clients when mortgages are foreclosed [n#9]; and

Whereas USAR caused local and federal courts to be tied up for a decade in a ceded lands lawsuit filed by OHA and several individual ethnic Hawaiians where the USAR was the primary focus of attention, and a 5-0 decision by the Hawaii Supreme Court was overturned by a 9-0 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court [n#10]; and

Whereas the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs held two months of hearings in 1894 with testimony under oath and cross-examination regarding the U.S. role in the Hawaiian revolution of 1893 and concluded that U.S. peacekeepers had neither caused nor assisted the revolution; and whereas a joint House/Senate Native Hawaiians Study Commission reached the same conclusion in 1983 following two years of public hearings and extensive commentaries by experts[n#11]; and

Whereas the people of Hawaii are disgusted by the gross abuse of the U.S. apology resolution to attack the sovereignty of the State of Hawaii and to disrupt the unity and equality of our people [n#12];

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby expresses its desire that PL103-150, commonly known as the apology resolution, be rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask both of Hawaii's U.S. Senators and all their colleagues, and both of Hawaii's Members of Congress and all their colleagues, to introduce and actively support appropriate legislation to rescind PL103-150; 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, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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Footnotes:

n#1: See the Native Hawaiian Databook Census of 1890 [Kingdom] and Census of 1896 [Republic] yielding figures of 45% of the population in 1890 and 36% in 1896 being either full or part Native Hawaiian; and see Jonathan Osorio's book "Dismembering Lahui" for lists of who were members of the

Kingdom legislature in various years

n#2: There have been two excellent refutations of numerous assertions contained in USAR.

2(a): Hawaii Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand (Essay by Constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein, as printed In the Congressional Record of June 14, 15, and 16 of 2005 by unanimous consent, by request of Senator Kyl)

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/bigfiles3/AkakaFeinCongRec061405.html>

The section printed in the Congressioal Record on June 14, 2005 is entirely devoted to a point by point refutation of the apology resolution.

<http://www.gpo.gov:80/fdsys/pkg/CREC-2005-06-14/pdf/CREC-2005-06-14-pt1-PgS6471.pdf#page=1>

2(b): Thurston Twigg-Smith, "Hawaiian Sovereignty: Do the Facts Matter?" (Honolulu, HI: Goodale Publishing, 1998) Chapter 10 "The Congressional Apology: A Travesty"

n#3: Full text of the 60 minute Senate floor debate on USAR can be found at

<http://www.hawaii-nation.org/congrec-senate.html>

During the debate Senator Gorton (R, WA) discussed the ethnic cleansing then underway in Bosnia and how the Serbs were fueled by a grievance over events from 900 years ago. Senator Gorton said "I know that the two Senators from Hawaii do not agree with the radicals who wish independence as a result, but the logical consequences of this resolution would be independence." Senator Inouye replied "To suggest that this resolution is the first step toward declaring independence for the State of Hawaii is a painful distortion of the intent of the authors. ... this is a very simple resolution. It was authored by my friend from Hawaii because he loves America. ..." Later Senator Inouye added "the suggestion that this resolution was the first step toward declaring independence or seceding from the United States is at best a very painful distortion of our intent. ... No, no, this is not seceding or

independence. We fought for statehood long enough and we cherish it and we want to stay there. I can assure you, I do not wish to leave this place. ... As I tried to convince my colleagues, this is a simple resolution of apology, to recognize the facts as they were 100 years ago. ... It is a simple apology.

n#4: Numerous Hawaiian sovereignty groups have been using the USAR for 20 years as a justification for demanding secession. They describe the USAR as an admission against interest -- a confession of a crime under international law for which the proper restitution would be U.S. withdrawal from Hawaii with payment of billions of dollars in restitution. To find such assertions, put into the Google search engine the words Hawaiian apology along with the name of any one of the following sovereignty activists or groups: Kekuni Blaisdell, Ka Pakaukau, Poka Laenui [an alias of Hayden Burgess], [David] Keanu Sai, Aloha Quest, Scott Crawford, Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell, Bumpy Kanahale, Nation of Hawaii, Henry Noa, Reinstated Hawaiian government.

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The apology resolution of 1993 continued to be a major source of fuel for the fires of secession even 12 years later in 2005, as shown by the following photos. August 6, 2005, a rally by about 15,000 ethnic Hawaiians protested a decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that Kamehameha Schools' racially exclusionary admissions policy is illegal. Here are Hawaiian independence activists' signs at the Palace rally proclaiming that USAR places the U.S. on record as acknowledging that ethnic Hawaiians never gave up their inherent sovereignty or their national lands.

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/bigfiles3/KamCiteApolKanakNeverGaveUp.jpg>

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and

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/bigfiles3/KamCiteApologyInhrntSovrnty.jpg>

See also "The Akaka Bill And Secession" at

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi2/hawaiiansovereignty/AkakaSecession.html>

n#5: During the floor debate on the USAR, Senator Inouye assured his colleagues that the apology resolution would not be used to support demands

for reparations or for special race-based benefit programs. Senator Gorton asked, "What are the appropriate consequences of passing this resolution? Are they any form of special status under which persons of Native Hawaiian descent will be given rights or privileges or reparations or land or money communally that are unavailable to other citizens of Hawaii?" Senator Inouye replied, "As I tried to convince my colleagues, this is a simple resolution of apology, to recognize the facts as they were 100 years ago. As to the matter of the status of Native Hawaiians, as my colleague from Washington knows, from the time of statehood we have been in this debate. Are Native Hawaiians Native Americans? This resolution has nothing to do with that." Senator Gorton responded, "this Senator wants to sincerely thank the senior Senator from Hawaii for that answer and accepts it as such. This Senator believes the Senator from Hawaii has said this resolution is unrelated to -- it neither advances nor detracts from -- any kind of special treatment for Native Hawaiians. ... This Senator feels, unfortunately, that the consequences of the portions of this resolution after the whereas clauses do in fact provide a basis -- perhaps even a legal basis -- for some kind of demand for special treatment or for the return of lands. It is for that reason, for that reason which this Senator believes to be very divisive within our society, that the Senator regretfully opposes the resolution ... "

n#6: Senator Inouye gave assurance to his colleagues that the USAR was merely a simple apology and would not be used to demand special race-based government handouts. But USAR has been cited in the "findings" preambles of major bills introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka to provide federal recognition to Native Hawaiians as an Indian tribe, and to provide special race-based programs in housing, healthcare, education, etc. On August 16, 2005 former Senators Slade Gorton (R, WA) and Hank Brown (R, CO) jointly authored a commentary in the Wall Street Journal expressing opposition to the Akaka bill and complaining bitterly that Senator Inouye had lied to them during the Senate debate on USAR in 1993. They wrote: "The Akaka Bill's justification rests substantially on a 1993 Apology Resolution passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton when we were members of the Senate representing the states of Washington and Colorado. (We voted against it.) The Resolution is cited by the Akaka Bill in three places to establish the proposition that the U.S. perpetrated legal or moral wrongs against Native Hawaiians that justify the race-based government the legislation would erect. These citations are a betrayal of the word given to us

-- and to the Senate -- in the debate over the Apology Resolution. We specifically inquired of its proponents whether the Apology would be employed to seek "special status under which persons of Native Hawaiian descent will be given rights or privileges or reparations or land or money communally that are unavailable to other citizens of Hawaii." We were promised on the floor of the Senate by Daniel Inouye, the senior senator from Hawaii and a personage of impeccable integrity, that, "As to the matter of the status of Native Hawaiians . . . [t]his resolution has nothing to do with that. . . . I can assure my colleague of that." The Akaka Bill repudiates that promise of Sen. Inouye. It invokes the Apology Resolution to justify granting persons of Native Hawaiian descent -- even in minuscule proportion -- political and economic rights and land denied to other citizens of Hawaii. We were unambiguously told that would not be done." The article is available at <http://online.wsj.com/article/0,,SB112415838738514082,00.html?mod=opinion%5Fmain%5Fcommentaries>

But the Akaka bill is not the only piece of major legislation that relies on the USAR for its justification. The Hawaii legislature concurrent resolution HCR6 and SCR2, commemorating USAR, cites other legislation that relies on the apology resolution: "in 2000 and 2002, the United States Congress passed Public Law 106—568, the Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act, and Public Law 108—110, the reenacted Native Hawaiian Education Act, confirming the special trust relationship between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian people." HLCR also cites the 2008 Hawaii Supreme Court decision on the ceded lands which relied on the apology resolution (not mentioning that it was overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court). HLCR also points out that Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, establishing a state-recognized tribe, relies on USAR.

Although HLCR does not mention it, another example of federal legislation that relies on USAR is the bill to reauthorize the Native Hawaiian healthcare system, Papa Ola Lokahi, which was S.1929 in the 107th Congress and S.66 in the 112th Congress (never came to the floor in 2011-2012). In the 112th Congress version S.66, "Findings" 12-16 come directly from the USAR, and Finding 16 names PL103-150 explicitly. See <http://www.angelfire.com/big09/S66NatHawHealthBadBill.html>

n#7: There have been numerous cases where ethnic Hawaiians have gone to

court to make a political point and harass the court by citing the USAR to assert lack of jurisdiction when they were given traffic tickets for driving without vehicle registrations or without driver licenses issued by the State of Hawaii. Perhaps the most famous such case was Lance Larsen vs. Keanu Sai which those two men took all the way to the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

The splashy website created at the direction of Keanu Sai containing all the details is at

<http://www.alohaquest.com/>

Documents presented by Larsen and Sai are at

<http://www.alohaquest.com/arbitration/index.htm>

A satirical commentary by sovereignty opponent Ken Conklin, entitled "Fraudulent Hague Arbitration -- The Use of "the International Court at the Hague" for a Propaganda Circus" is at

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi2/hawaiiansovereignty/fraudhague.html>

n#8: Since 1968 the U.S. flag has been allowed to fly on 'Iolani Palace only one time, following the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center in New York. Flying the U.S. flag on the Palace caused an uproar from Hawaiian sovereignty activists, and a countervailing uproar from patriotic Americans. See section 3 of "Strong Allegiance to American Flag in Hawaii Following September 11, 2001" at

<http://www.angelfire.com/hi2/hawaiiansovereignty/hawpatriotpost911.html>

There have been numerous invasions and takeovers of Iolani Palace and its grounds by Hawaiian sovereignty activists who often cite USAR as their justification for asserting jurisdiction. Here are webpages documenting four such events in August 2006, August 2007, and April and August of 2008:

Hawaii Statehood Day 2006 -- Celebration at Old Territorial Capitol Building (Iolani Palace) Disrupted by Hawaiian Ethnic Nationalist Wannabe-Terrorists
<http://www.angelfire.com/planet/bigfiles40/statehoodday2006.html>

Hawaii Statehood Day August 17, 2007 -- Holiday hijacked by Hawaiian sovereignty activists for celebration of 125th anniversary of Iolani Palace; Zero celebration of Statehood.

<http://www.angelfire.com/planet/big60/StatehoodDay2007.html>

Insurrection (not mere protest) attempted at Iolani Palace on April 30, 2008, by so-called Hawaiian Kingdom Government
<http://www.angelfire.com/planet/big60/Insurrection043008.html>

Hawaii King Akahi Nui -- His alleged coronation at Iolani Palace in 1998 and his violent takeover of Palace grounds and break-in of the building on Friday, August 15, 2008.
<http://www.angelfire.com/bigfiles90/PalaceAkahiNui081508.html>

In response the management of the Palace, together with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, created proposed new rules for Iolani Palace and grounds which prompted Ken Conklin to write testimony. See
<http://www.angelfire.com/bigfiles90/DLNRpalacerulestestimony081508.htm>
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n#9:

(9a): During the 1990s sovereignty activist David Keanu Sai filed a series of documents with the Bureau of Conveyances whereby he claims to have established himself as regent pro-tempore of the Hawaiian kingdom. He then collaborated with a Honolulu realtor to solicit fees totaling more than \$600,000 from hundreds of clients to create bogus title searches and file new warranty deeds at the Bureau which used Mr. Sai's authority as regent to condone property transfers done after the overthrow of the monarchy and to re-certify the validity of the deeds. In at least one case a Native Hawaiian client whose house was foreclosed for failure to pay the mortgage relied on Mr. Sai's theories to re-occupy the house after it had been bought by new owners, resulting in a felony conviction for Mr. Sai and the realtor and the client. See a very large compilation of published news reports and commentaries tracking the "Perfect Title" scam at
<http://www.angelfire.com/hi2/hawaiiansovereignty/fraudperfecttitle.html>

9(b): During the past several years a similar scam has been unfolding where Mr. Sai, now possessing a Ph.D. in Political Science, has collaborated with a realtor on Hawaii Island to do the same scam except this time to demand money from title insurance companies when homes are foreclosed. On February 11, 2011 the Home Equity Theft Reporter blog reported:
<http://homeequitytheft-cases-articles.blogspot.com/2011/02/illegal->

overthrow-of-hawaiian-kingdom.html

"In Honolulu, Hawaii, KITV-TV Channel 4 reports:

A legal argument based on the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, used unsuccessfully to fight foreclosures in the 1990s, is now being used once again, even though the man who promoted the theory 15 years ago was convicted of a felony.

David Keanu Sai is back in the public eye 11 years after being put on probation after telling people that they could walk away from mortgages because of the way the Kingdom of Hawaii was overthrown. Hundreds of people fighting foreclosure have invested in that claim again -- partly because Sai now has a University of Hawaii doctoral degree to back his argument.

Kale Gumapac, founder of Laulima LLC and Hawaiian Alliance LLC, advertises on Craigslist that he has a way to stop the foreclosure process. "It doesn't put the banks in trouble and it doesn't put the borrower in trouble," Gumapac said. "And it's worked. That's what I am trying to tell the Legislature."

Gumapac said he has about 300 paying customers he is helping attack the title of their properties. "They can only foreclose if the title is clear," he said. The title attack is based on research by Windward Community College lecturer David Keanu Sai. He argues that the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the violation of executive agreements between the Queen and the U.S. government mean that all land title issued in Hawaii since 1893 are illegal and mortgages null and void.

9(c): In 2011 Keanu Sai, Kyle Gumapac, and other sovereignty activists, with the connivance of Representative Mele Carroll of Hawaii Island, introduced a resolution in the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to gain publicity for their bogus historical claims and to recruit clients for their realty scam. The resolution actually passed the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, thus demonstrating how far out of bounds that committee has become and how much time is being wasted in the legislature because of reliance on the U.S. apology resolution. Fortunately the resolution died when the Committee on Judiciary refused to hold a hearing on it. For details, including text of the resolution, 75 pages of testimony, and the actions of Rep. Carroll, see "HCR107 in the Hawaii legislature of 2011 -- A resolution establishing a joint legislative investigating committee to investigate the status of two

executive agreements entered into in 1893 between United States President Grover Cleveland and Queen Liliuokalani of the Hawaiian Kingdom, called the Liliuokalani assignment and the agreement of restoration." at <http://www.angelfire.com/big09/HCR107HawLegisl2011.html>

n#10: For about ten years, 2000 through 2009, a lawsuit worked its way through the courts. The lawsuit was based on the assertion that the U.S. apology resolution puts Congress on record that the ceded lands were illegally stolen from native Hawaiians, and then illegally transferred to the U.S. in the illegal 1898 annexation, and then back to the State of Hawaii in the 1959 statehood act. And because those land transfers were illegal, therefore the State of Hawaii should be prohibited from selling any parcel of ceded lands until such time as the state and federal governments reach a settlement with Native Hawaiians. On January 31, 2008 the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii ruled 5-0 in favor of plaintiffs, based on the USAR. But on appeal the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 on March 31, 2009 to overturn that decision on the grounds that USAR has no power to deprive the State of its ownership of the ceded lands which were conveyed to Hawaii in fee simple absolute at Statehood in 1959. A very large webpage provides text of all major decisions throughout the history of the case, accompanied by news reports, commentaries, amicus briefs and oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. See <http://bigfiles90.angelfire.com/CededNoSell.html>

n#11:

11(a) See the 808-page Morgan Report, which is the official report of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, whose chairman was Senator John T. Morgan, Democrat of Alabama. Senate Report 227 of the 53rd Congress, second session, was dated February 26, 1894. It was an investigation into the events surrounding the Hawaiian Revolution of 1893, and the alleged role of U.S. peacekeepers in the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani. It includes testimony under oath in open session with severe cross-examination, and special reports by experts about the history of Hawaii and its people, culture, economy, and strategic location. The entire report, plus summaries and commentaries, is at

<http://morganreport.org>

11(b) The Native Hawaiians Study Commission was created by the Congress of the United States on December 22, 1980 (Title III of Public Law 96-565). The purpose of the Commission was to "conduct a study of the culture, needs and concerns of the Native Hawaiians." The Commission published and released to the public a Draft Report of Findings on September 23, 1982. Following a 120-day period of public comment, a final report was written and submitted on June 23, 1983 to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. The entire majority report is available at http://wiki.grassrootinstitute.org/mediawiki/index.php?title=Native_Hawaiians_Study_Commission_Report

11(c) Does the U.S. owe reparations to Native Hawaiians for the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893? Does the U.S. owe Native Hawaiians special treatment, group rights, or political sovereignty on account of anything that happened in the past, or on account of current economic or social afflictions? See a short summary of the conclusions of the Morgan Report and the Native Hawaiians Study Commission report including excerpts which refute the U.S. apology resolution.
<http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/bigfiles3/USOwesNatHawns.html>

n#12:

12(a): To understand the full dimensions of the threat to Hawaii caused by the apology resolution fueling both the Hawaiian independence movement and the quest for federal recognition of a phony Indian tribe through the Akaka bill, see the 302 page book "Hawaiian Apartheid: Racial Separatism and Ethnic Nationalism in the Aloha State" at <http://tinyurl.com/2a9fqa>

12(b): To learn more about the importance of unity, equality, and aloha for all (which the USAR undermines), see a statement of fundamental principles at <http://tinyurl.com/2c49g>

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ALOHA CHAIR HANOHANO AND CHAIR EVANS,

Na Koa Ikaika believes that any real progress in recognizing the rights of Native Hawaiians has been excruciatingly slow, deliberately. The longer the United States drags out the process the less that we Hawaiians will be given. What is the price of a stolen nation? A payment of polluted land that ultimately will be inundated is an insult and does not begin to compensate for our physical, spiritual and cultural loss nor do the payments to OHA.

A Native Hawaiian Roll that moves Hawaiians to become assimilated by the United States manipulates Hawaiians without giving them a chance to truly decide what type of nation they want: one of self-determination and self-governance while maintaining the United States' superiority over us or an independent nation where we control everything. Hawaiian leaders are leading Hawaiians down a pre-ordained American path while giving lip service to Hawaiian rights.

Progress would be Hawaiians in control. Do Hawaiians control the alii trusts? Pretty much, no. Do we receive fair compensation for the ceded lands, our government lands, that were stolen? OHA is asking to audit those funds as the lands have been lost in various departments. Do we have positions on boards that create policy regarding our lands and resources? We are at the Legislature begging.

If there is truly aloha in this land, the least that should be done is to give our students free tuition at The University of Hawaii. Other land grant institutions do provide that benefit.

Lela M. Hubbard
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| Bianca Isaki | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: In the past twenty years, important progress has been made in pursuit of Native Hawaiian cultural identity, self-determination, and sovereignty. However, the struggle has not been, and likely never will be an easy one, and important issues and concerns continue to be healthily but vigorously debated with respect to the best way forward. As we prepare ourselves to continue the movement, we should therefore take a moment to reflect upon the shared vision of all those who support justice and a sovereign Hawaiian government for Hawai'i, and to reconfirm the long-held commitment of the state of Hawai'i to promote reconciliation and Native Hawaiian self-determination for the benefit of all the people of these islands. This resolution helps to ensure that the historic losses, ramifications, and ongoing responsibilities of the state as a direct result of the 1893 overthrow remain in our social consciousness, and in our social conscience. Please support the ongoing struggle for justice and reconciliation in Hawai'i nei! Please reaffirm the state's commitment to provide substantive justice for the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and to address the ramifications it has carried to today, particularly for the Native Hawaiian people, but also for all others who call our islands home. Justice in Hawai'i will never be achieved without justice for the Hawaiian people, and the Hawaiian nation. All who live in and love Hawai'i as their home should support this measure. To truly move Hawai'i towards a brighter and more enlightened future, Hawai'i must acknowledge and address the injustices of its past. This resolution ensures that Hawai'i acknowledges our past, and keeps alive a vision that seeks to address the ongoing harms to the lands, culture, and self-determination of the Native Hawaiian people resulting from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

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| Kealii Makekau | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments: Reconciliation is and has always been by way of a Nation to Nation relationship. Anything else is fraudulent and goes against this measure

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