



Congressman Ed Case

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Dear Friend:

I am proud and humbled to have represented you in our United States Congress since November 2002. As the current 109th Congress (2005-2006) heads into its final quarter, I want to report back to you again and to ask for your continued guidance.

Our country and world continue through trying times, and the issues I address in Congress remain difficult and controversial. The most complex are our country's foreign policy, especially international terrorism, the Iraq and Afghan wars, and Iran and other challenges, and the continued deterioration of our overall federal budget. But they range through all our national concerns, from our economy to energy, education, Social Security/Medicare, healthcare, homeland security, veterans, seniors, poverty, our environment, relations with other countries, and much more. I also seek to ensure that our federal government focuses on our Hawai'i's special challenges, from housing to traffic, gas prices, conservation and much more as well.

My job is to combine your guidance with my knowledge and experience and the resources of my Congressional office to provide you with the best possible representation in our federal government. This means (1) making the best possible decisions on national and international issues, (2) making sure that our federal government is doing all it can to help us with our state and community concerns, and (3) helping you with your individual needs.

To do all this, I need to keep in constant touch with you and bring my office to your doorstep. That's why I've personally done 50 Talk Story community meetings this Congress throughout our Hawai'i and with our troops in Ft. Polk, LA and Iraq (to go with the 79 I did in 2003-2004), and why I've scheduled 21 more Talk Stories with you in July and August (see schedule inside.) I've also answered over 70,000 communications from you, met with thousands of you at community events and my Hawai'i and D.C. offices, helped thousands of you with individual concerns, sent a regular email newsletter/survey to thousands, appeared statewide on weekly call-in radio, and hosted a monthly public access television report.

Still, the opportunities and challenges of representing you well in Congress never cease. In this newsletter I summarize just some of my efforts this Congress, answer some frequently asked questions, and highlight my great staff in D.C. and throughout Hawai'i. Finally, I provide a survey on some of our most pressing issues, and let you know how to get in touch with us.

Mahalo for reading my 2006 Congressional Report and for participating in your government. It is a deep honor and privilege to represent you in our Congress, and I truly look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon!

With aloha,

Ed

Ed Case
United States Congressman
Hawai'i, Second Congressional District

2006 Congressional Report

109th Congress (2005-2006) Highlights

It's impossible to list all of my 109th Congress efforts, but here are a few highlights. Please contact me for more information, or visit my website at www.house.gov/case.



Congressman Case inspects Ka Loko Dam disaster site on Kauai.

Balancing Our Federal Budget

- Introduced balanced budget amendment to U.S. Constitution
- Voted against federal debt ceiling increases
- Proposed pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) and other budget reforms
- Advocated for comprehensive review of federal agencies and programs to identify duplicative, wasteful or outdated functions
- Served on House Budget Committee
- Appeared in national media in D.C., New York, Chicago and elsewhere to focus attention on budget crisis

Securing Our Homeland

- Sought full implementation of 9/11 Commission homeland security reform recommendations
- Introduced port security enhancements including cargo/container inspections
- Advocated for full federal funding of state and local homeland security obligations

Growing Our Economy

- Fought for nation's and Hawai'i's small businesses on regulatory, paperwork and tax relief, access to federal contracts, affordable health care and other concerns
- Served on House Small Business Committee
- Advocated for Hawai'i agriculture, aquaculture and ranching as member of House Agriculture Committee and Ranking Member of Livestock and Horticulture Subcommittee
- Introduced Credit Union Regulatory Improvements Act (CURIA) to strengthen credit unions nationwide
- Supported middle-income alternative minimum tax (AMT) and other targeted relief

Solving Our Energy Crisis

- Opposed administration's shortsighted fossil fuel-focused energy "reforms"
- Advocated for alternative/renewable energy development, especially ethanol/biodiesel from Hawai'i crops/products
- Introduced increased Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) vehicle efficiency standards

Providing Affordable Health Care

- Opposed Medicare service and provider cuts

- Led statewide community meetings on new Medicare Part D (prescription drug) benefit
- Supported expansion and full funding of Hawai'i hospitals, clinics and community health centers
- Advocated for adequate funding of National Institutes of Health and other federal health research efforts
- Introduced requirement for scientific integrity in federal research and policymaking
- Sought authorization for reimportation and bulk purchasing of prescription drugs

Taking Care of Our Servicemembers and Veterans

- Fought for optimum training and equipment for servicemembers in action overseas
- Visited Hawai'i troops in Ft. Polk (LA), Kuwait and Iraq to assess morale and needs
- Sought adequate funding of veterans obligations
- Opposed administration proposal to charge veterans TRICARE fees
- Cosponsored Rural Veterans Services Outreach and Training Act
- Sent regular veterans newsletters/surveys and testified before Senate committee on Hawai'i veterans needs

Educating Our Next Generations

- Advocated for increased flexibility and full funding of No Child Left Behind
- Opposed student loan assistance reductions
- Visited schools districtwide and sent out regular education report/survey
- Fought to preserve/strengthen Title IX

Preserving Social Security

- Opposed use of trust fund for non-Social Security purposes



Congressman Case (with colleague Mike Ross of Arkansas) responds to questions at a national press conference in the Capitol highlighting our federal budget crisis.

109th Congress (2005-2006) Highlights

Protecting Our Consumers

- Advocated for strong identity theft protections and penalties
- Introduced amended Consumer Credit Protection Act to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures and protect underage consumers
- Sought federal authority to investigate oil companies for monopolistic behavior and gas price gouging
- Advocated for worker pension protection/reform

Protecting and Caring for Ourselves

- Sponsored new federal laws addressing war on crystal meth/ice
- Introduced reauthorized Violence Against Women Act
- Pursued enhanced Section 8 affordable housing, CDBG and other state and local needs assistance

Preserving Our Environment

- Opposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and outer continental shelf, logging in the Tongass National Forest, weakening of the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Marine Mammal Protection Act, and other anti-environment initiatives
- Introduced the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Refuge Act and otherwise fought for full protection for NWHI
- Sought to preserve Hawai'i's special places through expansion of Haleakala and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Pu'uuhonua National Historical Park and James Campbell and Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuges, and creation of new parks on the Ka'u coastline, Pupukea-Paumalu and Waimea Valley, and endangered portions of Maui's north and south coastlines
- Introduced Hawai'i Invasive Species Prevention Act to require incoming baggage and cargo inspections

Reforming Immigration

- Supported comprehensive immigration reform with focus on curbing illegal immigration
- Sought acceleration of legal immigration from countries in Asia and the Pacific
- Pursued expedited temporary visas for visitor, student, business and humanitarian reasons



Congressman Case discusses U.S.-China relations on one of his two Voice of America call-in shows broadcast live to an estimated ten million-plus audience in the People's Republic of China.



Congressman Case discusses cultural preservation with 'Ao'ao O Na Loko l'a O Maui in reconstruction of Maui's Ko'ie'ie fishpond.

Enhancing Confidence in Government

- Introduced ethics, lobbying, campaign spending and finance, earmark, gift, corruption and other reforms
- Proposed expanded reporting/oversight regarding federal funds allocated to Iraq/Afghanistan, Katrina/Rita and other largescale government undertakings
- Advocated for voter-verified permanent record (paper trail) for electronic voting

Protecting Our Rights

- Opposed unauthorized and warrantless wiretapping/surveillance of American citizens
- Introduced extension of Voting Rights Act

Representing Our Country Overseas

- Represented our Congress and country in official visits to the People's Republic of China, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait and Iraq

Assuring Federal Help for Hawai'i's Needs

- Secured millions in federal funds for crucial Hawai'i programs and projects addressing traffic and transportation, law enforcement, conservation, economic development, community investment, and other needs
- Introduced enhanced federal assistance to assure small dam safety and rehabilitation

Advocating for Native Hawaiians/Asian Pacific Americans

- Introduced and advocated for Native Hawaiian housing, education, health, economic development, cultural and other federal programs
- Served as executive board member and whip (third ranking) of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Introduced and passed through Congress joint resolution providing national recognition of Filipino American centennial and participated with Fil-Am community in Hawai'i and nationwide in centennial commemoration events

Keeping in Touch With You

- Conducted 50 Talk Story community meetings throughout district and in D.C., Fort Polk and Iraq and scheduled 21 more (see schedule on back cover)

My Staff—Here to Serve You

My staff is your staff and is here to serve you. This is who they are, what they do, and how you can contact them directly.



Congressman Case and staff say aloha to D.C. intern Teal Willingham (to Congressman Case's right), a Kane'ohē native attending George Washington University.

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Congressman Case discusses equipment and morale with Hawai'i troops of the 29th Brigade Combat Team at LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq.

Congressman Ed Case 2006 Congressional Survey

Please help me represent you well in Congress by filling out this survey. You can fold, stamp and mail, or fax to 808-538-0233. You can also always get in touch with me on any of these or other issues by the means outlined in this newsletter. Mahalo for your guidance!

Longterm Challenges. Our Hawaii and country face many big-picture challenges in the coming years. Which three of the following do you believe are most crucial?

- Balancing our federal budget
- Assuring our defense/securing our homeland
- Working with other nations/leading our world
- Growing our economy/preserving American jobs
- Investing in education
- Preserving Social Security and Medicare
- Honoring our veteran commitments
- Providing available and affordable health care
- Taking care of our fellow citizens in need
- Assuring adequate and affordable energy
- Protecting our environment
- Improving our government
- Preserving our civil liberties
- Perpetuating our Hawai'i

Other: _____
 Other: _____

Iraq. Iraq continues as our most difficult and controversial involvement overseas. Americans disagree deeply over whether and under what circumstances we should have intervened in Iraq. But the reality is that we did intervene and we must now deal with the present and what we should do in the future. Which one of the following best describes what you believe our future course in Iraq should be?

- We should immediately withdraw all our troops
- We should set a date certain after which we should immediately withdraw all our troops
 (If you believe this, please specify that date:
 _____)
- We should commence a phased withdrawal now



Congressman Case says mahalo to David Walker, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the Government Accountability Office, at the taping of one of his monthly public access television congressional reports, this one on our rapidly deteriorating federal budget.



Hawai'i is home to almost 120,000 veterans; here Congressman Case addresses concerns with visiting vets.

- We should commence withdrawing after an Iraqi government is in place and the Iraqi military and police can defend and secure Iraq
- We should commence withdrawing when our military believes the situation is stable
- We should not withdraw from Iraq in the foreseeable future
- Other: _____

Immigration. Congress and the President have been debating immigration reform for several months. Which one of the following do you believe should be our highest priority?

- Prevent further illegal immigration
- Provide an earned citizenship path for current illegal immigrants
- Provide a guestworker program for domestic labor needs
- Expand legal immigration
- Don't change our immigration laws/policies
- Other: _____

Domestic Surveillance. The current administration through the National Security Agency (NSA) is surveilling domestic communications and reviewing phone records without court warrants. Do you agree or disagree with this program?

- Agree
- Disagree
- Other: _____

Evaluation. What are your comments on my performance as your Congressman?

Other. Please provide any other questions, comments, guidance or needs here:

Please check out my website, which has a wealth of information on my activities and federal government resources, including the following (click in the left column on my splash page):

[Voting Records](#). My votes throughout my service in Congress.

[Legislation/Committees](#). Legislation I've sponsored and information on my committees.

[Current Issues](#). Reports on selected topics from the Congressional Research Service.

[Press/Media](#). My news releases on various initiatives and issues.

[Podcasts](#). Downloadable reports on various matters.

[Newsletters](#). Past year reports as well as Native Hawaiian, labor, veterans, agriculture, education, Filipino-American and faith-based newsletters.

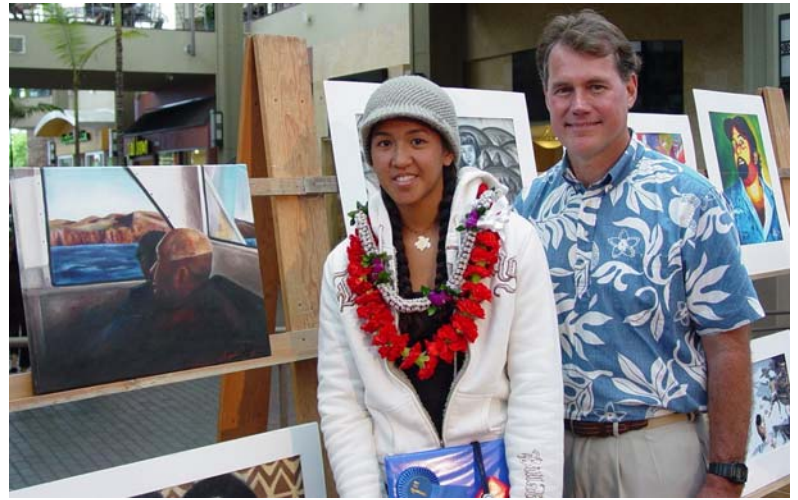
[Kids' Page](#). Federal government information for children.

[Financial Aid](#). Information on student financial assistance.

[Federal Grants](#). Access to federal grant information.

[Federal Resources](#). Information on federal agencies in Hawai'i.

[Business Opportunities](#). Doing business with the federal government.



Congressman Case congratulates Natasha Chang of Baldwin High School, Maui, winner of his 2006 Kaha Ki'i: An Artistic Discovery Congressional Arts Contest, for her oil painting "Daddy's Little Girl."

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Congressman Case gets the next generation's perspectives on Congress from Philip Bretz of Kailua's Trinity Christian School, the Hawai'i Christian Schools Spelling Bee Champion.

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Summer Talk Story/Community Meetings Schedule



Congressman Case addresses federal concerns with constituents at one of his 129 Talk Story districtwide community meetings to date.

Hawai'i Island

Saturday, July 22

Kohala: 5-6PM

Kohala High School Cafeteria

3611 Akoni Pule Hwy, Kapa'au

Sunday, July 23

Hamakua Coast/Waimea:9-10AM

Tex Drive Inn

45-690 Pakalana St., Honoka'a

Kona: 1-2PM

Konawaena High School Cafeteria

81-1043 Konawaena School Road

Captain Cook

Saturday, August 5

Pahala: 9-10AM

Ka'u High School Cafeteria

96-3150 Pikake Street

Volcano: 11AM-12Noon

Cooper Center

Wright Road

Puna: 2-3PM

Pahoa High School Cafeteria

15-3038 Puna Road

Hilo: 4:30-5:30PM

Hilo High School Cafeteria

556 Waianuenu Avenue

Maui

Saturday, July 1

Upcountry: 5-6PM

Haiku School

105 Pauwela Road

Sunday, July 2

Central Maui: 9-10AM

'Iao School

260 S. Market Street, Wailuku

West Maui: 1-2PM

Maui Preparatory Academy

5095 Napilihau Street, Napili

Saturday, July 8

East Maui: 9-10AM

Hana High School

Lana'i

Saturday, July 8

Lana'i City: 12Noon-1PM

Lana'i High School Cafeteria

Moloka'i

Saturday, July 8

Mana'e: 3-4PM

Kilohana Community Center

O'ahu

Wednesday, July 5

North Shore: 6-7PM

Sunset Beach Elem. Sch. Cafet.

59-360 Kamehameha Hwy.

Friday, July 7

Leeward/Central O'ahu:

4:30-5:30PM

Hoaeae Cty Park, Village Park

94-665 Ka'aholo St.

Kapolei/Makakilo/Wai'anae Coast:

7-8PM

Nanakuli Elem. Sch. Cafet.

89-778 Haleakala Ave

Sunday, July 9

Kane'ohe/Kahalu'u/Waiahole

1:30-2:30PM

Benjamin Parker Elem. School

45-259 Waikalua Road, Kane'ohe

Waimanalo/Enchanted Lake/Kailua:

3-4PM Keolu Elementary School

1416 Keolu Drive

Kaua'i

Sunday, July 30

North Shore: 8-9AM

Hanalei Community Center

5-5299 Kuhio Highway

Focus: Federal Disaster Assistance

10-11AM

Kilauea Neighborhood Center

2460 Keneke

West Kaua'i: 1-2PM

Kekaha Elem. Sch. Audit.

Lihu'e: 4-5PM

Wilcox Elem. Sch. Cafet.

4319 Hardy Street

Frequent Questions and Answers

How do I check your voting record?

You can ask us how I voted on any specific vote, or go to my website and click on "Voting Records" for all of my votes since 2002.

How do I meet you personally in D.C. or Hawai'i or invite you to participate in a community event?

Contact my schedulers, Pamela Okimoto in my D.C. office or Roberta Weatherford in my Honolulu district office.

If your schedule doesn't allow you to meet soon enough or you can't make an event, can someone from your office help out?

Yes! You are welcome to meet directly with my staff, and please don't forget that I have county coordinators that live and work in each of Hawai'i's counties. We are also happy to provide Congressional messages for events we can't make.

I'm coming to D.C. Can you help me with tours?

Yes! We'll give you a personal tour of the Capitol, set you up on other tours, and I'd like to say aloha personally if I'm in D.C. Contact Yvonne Kearns in my Honolulu district office or Caroline Morgan in my D.C. office, or go to my website and click on Visiting D.C.

I have an individual concern with our federal government or otherwise (like veterans' benefits or immigration of Social Security benefits); can you help?

Yes! We call this "casework" and you can contact my caseworkers, Jackie Conant or Liane Ashikawa in my Honolulu office.



Congressman Case joins colleague Mike Honda of California (left) and Philippines Ambassador to the United States Albert del Rosario (together with Aaron Aranza) at the Smithsonian Institution's opening of Singgalot, its national exhibit commemorating our Filipino American centennial. Congressman Honda is chair and Congressman Case is the third ranking member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, which advocates for the interests of Asian Pacific Americans nationally.

2006 Congressional Report

Aloha from our nation's Capitol! Congressman Case discusses the workings of our federal government with O'ahu students visiting his Washington, D.C. office.



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Congressman Case presents United States flag flown over the Capitol to Liberato Obado of Lana'i City, a WWII veteran and Lana'i's oldest sakada.

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