

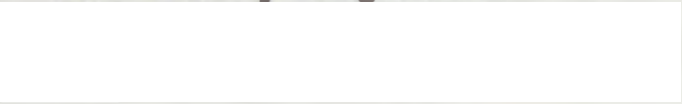
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Mr. Harry Kajihara  


Dear Harry:

Thank you for your February 18 letter and suggestions related to the information retrieved from the computer.

Regarding groupings of members based on their position on redress, the computer is programmed with this capability. What we need at this point is the data to enter into the computer. For example, we can currently pull out all the original cosponsors of HR442. With the proper information we can identify those opposed, those sympathetic, those who will support but will not cosponsor, those who are sympathetic but oppose compensation, etc. In reviewing the national board report of the Washington representative, he has contacted the offices of over 200 members thus far. He may be able to provide some information regarding a categorization of the members for computer usage. If this is the case I would be most happy to plug this type of information into the computer and I think it would be very useful in the redress effort. I requested some time ago the make-up of the committees of Congress for entry into the computer. I've been told that these committees have not been finalized.

Regarding the ACLU ratings and how far down the list we would have to go to get 218 votes, the answer is that we would have to get the support of congressmen with ratings in the 40% range assuming that all those above the 40% range were to support the legislation. Bear in mind that the various ratings can serve as a guide as to how the member may vote relative to certain issues, thus we may use these ratings to loosely target members, however, we must not lose sight of the fact that these ratings do not account for the support of a conservative Republican such as Edward Madigan. The computer can guide us to those members where we may be most productive in gaining support for the issue, however, I do not believe that in this process we should ignore those members the computer may "write-off".

In answer to the last part of your letter, we do have a system for measuring the progress being made on individual congressmen. We maintain a computer file on each congressman which shows individual dated transactions in the form of correspondence and direct contact. From this information we can

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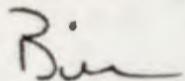
determine the possible obstacles preventing the congressman's support and we can track the type of contact (constituent, WDC staff), and the dates of contact.

Regarding the formulation of strategies based on reference data, I believe in our case the reverse may be true. We should determine what we are trying to accomplish in the program based on a timeline and set out a work plan to accomplish the various objectives in reaching our goal which is the passage of legislation. Reference data then becomes a tool in implementing the established strategy. In order for the computer to be an effective tool for generating information we must first obtain that information for entry and then set up a system for coordinating and disseminating that information to the appropriate parties.

I appreciate your taking the time to comment on the redress computer operation. Your thoughts are helpful and I look forward to additional future comments.

With regards,

Sincerely,



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cc: Frank Sato, Min Yasui, George Sakaguchi, Ron Wakabayashi, John Tateishi

As a postscript, Harry, I've learned that George Sakaguchi will be undergoing heart bypass surgery today. He is expected to begin recuperation at home on March 6.