

## Redress amendments pass House subcommittee

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992 which would provide additional redress appropriation, passed out of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations April 1. H.R. 4551 now moves on to the full Judiciary Committee.

H.R. 4551, if passed, would extend redress benefits to the estimated 15,000 eligible recipients who are currently not funded under the original redress legislation. The subcom-

mittee also passed on H.R. 4553, sponsored by Rep. Robert Matsui, which seeks to exclude

redress payments as a factor in determining eligibility for federal benefits. See AMENDMENTS/page 3

### Matsui: Amendments still need push

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Robert Matsui welcomed House Judiciary Subcommittee action on H.R. 4551 and H.R. 4553, but said it was too early to start celebrating.

"It's way too early to claim victory on this funding. It is

going to be a long and uphill battle to get such an enormous amount of funding through the appropriations process in such a tight fiscal environment. Everyone needs to understand that this additional money will

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not be entitlement spending. Because of the way it was scored in the Bush budget proposal, it is going to be pitted against other worthy government programs."

"These bills are essential to fulfilling Congress' original intention of making complete redress to the surviving victims of the internment," said Matsui. "We cannot allow some eligible recipient to receive redress while others go without. We must complete the job that has already begun. With respect to some veterans whose redress payments now threaten their Veterans Administration pension, we must correct an oversight in the original law."

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An amendment to H.R. 4551 would also provide for a judicial review process. It would give the benefit of the doubt to redress claimants whose cases are on appeal. The amendment, offered by subcommittee chairman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), provides for an official judicial review process for all cases except those currently pending in courts.

"Giving claimants the benefit of the doubt is an important standard," said Dennis Hayashi, national director of the JAACL. "We are thankful for quick action by the subcommittee on this bill. We hope that the full Judiciary Committee schedules a hearing on H.R. 4551 soon after Congress reconvenes later this month."

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