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## SENATE BILL 1053 INTRODUCED

On May 2, 1985, Senator Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) introduced Senate bill 1053. Like HR 442, this bill calls for redress for the Japanese Americans interned during WWII.

Among the 25 co-sponsors:

Jeremiah Denton	R-Alabama
Ted Stevens	R-Alaska
Frank Murkowski	R-Alaska
Alan Cranston	D-California
Gary Hart	D-Colorado
Spark Matsunaga	D-Hawaii
Daniel Inouye	D-Hawaii
Paul Simon	D-Illinois
Tom Harkin	D-Iowa
Paul Sarbanes	D-Maryland
Edward Kenneky	D-Massachusetts
John Kerry	D-Massachusetts
Carl Levin	D-Michigan
Donald Riegle	D-Michigan
John Melcher	D-Montana
James Exon	D-Nebraska
Bill Bradley	D-New Jersey
Frank Lautenberg	D-New Jersey
Daniel Moynihan	D-New York
Alfonse D'Amato	D-New York
Quentin Burdick	D-North Dakota
Howard Metzenbaum	D-Ohio
Mark Hatfield	R-Oregon
Slade Gorton	R-Washington
Daniel Evans	R-Washington
William Proxmire	D-Wisconsin

## RYAN TSUJIMURA-RECIPIENT OF 1985 JAACL SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan Tsujimura, a senior at Parkrose High School, received the 1985 Japanese American Citizen's League scholarship at the annual graduation banquet held at the Red Lion-Lloyd Center on May 5, 1985.

Ryan is a 4.0 student, belongs to many clubs and organizations within the school, such as the German Club and National Honor Society and he participated as a delegate in the 1984 Mock Presidential Convention. Ryan also is a member of the soccer team and is captain of the Parkrose varsity tennis team.

Ryan will be attending the University of Washington and majoring in pre-med. On behalf of the entire membership of the Japanese American Citizen's League - Portland Chapter, we wish Ryan the best of luck.

Ryan is the son of Dr. James and Marianne Tsujimura.

FROM THE EDITOR:  
Roberta Wong



Dear Readers,

Typing up a newsletter can be quite a tedious chore, but I always enjoy typing up the lists of new members, acknowledgements for donations, and contributors to the newsletter. As a matter of fact, I would have great pleasure in typing pages and pages of such lists. But, when it comes to writing, I often get stuck. Either because my thoughts are slow in coming or because I'm not informed in particular matters, and often, my activities are limited. Can you help?

I have yet to become a roving reporter, and because of that fact, I know that there is a lot missing from this newsletter. I'm sure there must be several experts out there who can give more depth to an article than I. And even if you may not consider yourself an expert, I'm sure a personal letter would be helpful in providing background information.

And for the more ambitious ones out there, couldn't you see yourself, working in this high paced, high anxiety, but fun atmosphere! Believe me, I'm laughing. I hope you can enjoy my humor.

Anyhow, another deadline is met, and my column space is filled. So, I'll end here. But, I'll continue next month!!

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90TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. R. 442  
To implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JANUARY 3, 1985  
Mr. WRIGHT (for himself, Mr. Foley, Mr. Long, Mr. GEDDERT, Mr. ROSS, Mr. EISE, Mr. HINETA, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LORRY of Washington, Mr. ARL, Mr. ERNAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BARNES, Mr. BATES, Mr. BURNAN, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. BUNSON of Michigan, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOSCO, Mrs. BOYER, Mr. BURTON of California, Mr. CARR, Mr. COLLIER, Mrs. COLLINS, Mr. COY, Mrs. YERS, Mr. CROCKETT, Mr. DANAHUE, Mr. DILLUMS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOWNER of New York, Mr. DYMALE, Mr. EDGAR, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. FAUSTRO, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. FEIGAN, Mr. FOGGELTA, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. FRANK, Mr. GARCIA, Mr. GEDENSON, Mr. GHEMAN, Mr. GRAY of Tennessee, Mr. HALE of Ohio, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HALEY, Mr. HORTON, Mr. HOWARD, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KASTENBERGER, Mr. KILPATRICK, Mr. KULFER, Mr. KOSMAYER, Mr. LANTIERO, Mr. LEHRMAN of California, Mr. LEHRMAN of Florida, Mr. LELAND, Mr. LEVINE of California, Mr. LUKER, Mr. MADIGAN, Mr. MARBLE, Mr. MARTIN, Mr. SEZ, Mr. MAXWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MILLER of Washington, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MOODY, Mr. MORRISON of Connecticut, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PARNETT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REID, Mr. ROE, Mr. ROYAL, Mr. SAVAGE, Mr. SCHUBER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SELANDER, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. STARK, Mr. STOKES, Mr. STUBBS, Mr. SUNIA, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TORRE, Mr. TOLSON, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VESLEY, Mr. WALKER, Mr. WEISS, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. WILSON, Mr. WIRTH, Mr. WOLPE, Mr. YATES, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

**A BILL**  
To implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,  
3 SHORT TITLE  
4 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Civil Liber-  
5 ties Act of 1985".  
6 FINDINGS AND PURPOSES  
7 SEC. 2. (a) The Congress finds that—  
8 (1) the findings of the Commission on Wartime  
9 Relocation and Internment of Civilians, established by  
10 the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Intern-  
11 ment of Civilians Act, describe the circumstances of  
12 the evacuation, relocation, and internment of in excess  
13 of one hundred and ten thousand United States citizens  
14 and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry  
15 and the treatment of individuals of Aleut ancestry who  
16 were removed from the Aleutian and the Pribilof Is-  
17 lands;  
18 (2) the evacuation, relocation, and internment of  
19 individuals of Japanese ancestry was carried out with-  
20 out any documented acts of espionage or sabotage, or  
21 other acts of disloyalty by any citizens or permanent  
22 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry on the west coast;  
23 (3) there was no military or security reason for  
24 the evacuation, relocation, and internment;  
25 (4) the evacuation, relocation, and internment of  
26 the individuals of Japanese ancestry was caused by



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1 racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political  
2 leadership;

3 (5) the excluded individuals of Japanese ancestry  
4 suffered enormous damages and losses, both material  
5 and intangible, and there were incalculable losses in  
6 education and job training, all of which resulted in sig-  
7 nificant human suffering for which full and appropriate  
8 compensation has not been made;

9 (6) the basic civil liberties and constitutional rights  
10 of those individuals of Japanese ancestry interned were  
11 fundamentally violated by that evacuation and intern-  
12 ment;

13 (7) as a result of wartime necessity, approximately  
14 nine hundred individuals of Aleut ancestry were evacu-  
15 ated from their homes in the Pribilofs and from many  
16 islands of the Aleutian chain;

17 (8) the housing, sanitation, and food for those  
18 Aleuts evacuated were deplorable, medical care was  
19 inadequate, and diseases were widespread;

20 (9) many houses and churches of the Aleuts were  
21 vandalized by the members of the Armed Forces of the  
22 United States, and religious icons and family treasures  
23 were destroyed;

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1 (10) the island of Attu was taken by the United  
2 States for military purposes but was never returned to  
3 its former residents;

4 (11) significant amounts of hazardous wartime  
5 debris remain in the Aleutian Islands; and

6 (12) full and appropriate compensation has not  
7 been made in the case of the Aleuts.

8 (b) The purposes of this Act are to—

9 (1) acknowledge the fundamental injustice of the  
10 evacuation, relocation, and internment of United States  
11 citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese an-  
12 cestry;

13 (2) apologize on behalf of the people of the United  
14 States for the evacuation, relocation, and internment of  
15 such citizens and permanent resident aliens;

16 (3) provide for a public education fund to finance  
17 efforts to inform the public about the internment of  
18 such individuals so as to prevent the reoccurrence of  
19 any similar event;

20 (4) make restitution to those individuals of Japa-  
21 nese ancestry who were interned;

22 (5) acknowledge the poor conditions in which the  
23 individuals of Aleut ancestry who were relocated and  
24 interned were forced to live, acknowledge the physical  
25 damage to their property as a result of the relocation,

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1 and apologize to such individuals on behalf of the  
2 people of the United States for such conditions and  
3 damage;

4 (6) preserve, protect, rebuild, and restore, to the  
5 maximum extent possible, the land, buildings and envi-  
6 ronment damaged in the Aleutian Islands;

7 (7) make restitution to those individuals of Aleut  
8 ancestry who were relocated and interned;

9 (8) discourage the occurrence of similar injustices  
10 and violations of civil liberties in the future; and

11 (9) make more credible and sincere any declara-  
12 tion of concern by the United States over violations of  
13 human rights committed by other nations.

14 TITLE I—RECOGNITION OF INJUSTICE AND AN  
15 APOLOGY ON BEHALF OF THE NATION

16 SEC. 101. The Congress recognizes that a grave injus-  
17 tice was done to both citizens and resident aliens of Japanese  
18 ancestry by the evacuation, relocation, and internment of ci-  
19 vilians during World War II. On behalf of the Nation, the  
20 Congress apologizes.

HR 442 GAIN CO-SPONSOR

Rep. Gerald Kleczka (D-Wisconsin) became a co-sponsor of redress bill HR 442 upon the urgings of his constituents, making the total number of co-sponsors 108.

JACL- A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY  
AND RELATED EVENTS: 1941-1943

- 1941 - The Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor triggers the entry of the United States into World War II.
- 1942 - Forced exclusion of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and internment in 10 American concentration camps. The JACL is called upon to negotiate community cooperation to prevent bloodshed.
- 1942 - An emergency wartime meeting of the JACL is convened in San Francisco.
- 1943 - JACL joins with church groups and the War Relocation Authority to resettle Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Eastern and Midwestern states.
- 1943 - Formation of the volunteer, all Nisei 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most highly decorated unit in American military history on January 28.

REDRESS RESOLUTIONS- A CHRONOLOGICAL  
LISTING OF SUPPORTERS: 1982

- March - AFL-CIO of California, California Labor Federation
- May - Service Employess Local 87
- June - National Association of Social Workers; State of New Jersey; City Council of Salinas
- August- Multnohmah County, Oregon; City Council of Portland, Resolution #33223
- Sept. - Board of Supervisors of Contra Coasta County
- Oct. - City of Marina, Ca., Resolution # 82-60; City of Seaside
- Nov. - Ventura County
- Democratic Party of Oregon, 1982 ; Japanese Presbyterian Conference, 1982 General Assembly; National Asian Presbyterian Conference, 194th General Assembly; Board of Supervisors, City/Council of San Francisco, California.

!!!!!! ASIAN TRIVIA !!!!!!!

Or,  
Homer's Yasui mono

- Q-1: All states in the U.S. have Nikkei residents, except one. Which state is that?
- Q-2: What is the difference between MANJU and MANJIRO?

A-1: Alabama

A-2: A MANJU is a bun filled with sweetened bean paste. MANJIRO was the first name of Manjuro Nakahama (aka John Mung), the first Japanese in America, of whom there is a written record. MANJIRO was one of five marooned fishermen on a Pacific islet. In 1841, rescued by a passing U.S. merchant ship. MANJIRO's four companions were dropped off in Honolulu, but MANJIRO continued on to Fairhaven, MA., where he lived for ten years before returning to Japan.