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## Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians

### PAST Legislation Against Asian-Americans

1. 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act  
" no Chinese be admitted into citizenship
2. 1904 American Federation of Labor resolves to exclude Asians from membership
3. 1905 San Francisco Chronicle  
1 1/2 yr campaign against Japanese

Formation The Asiatic Exclusion League of S.F. 1  
(200 organizations & labor unions)

4. 1906 San Francisco School Board orders segregation of 93 Japanese students
5. 1913 California Passed Webb Act: denied Japanese aliens to own land

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⑥ 1924. Congress Passed:  
Immigration Exclusion Act

| The Facts: | Immigration | Japanese | All  |
|------------|-------------|----------|------|
|            | 1891-1900   | 27,000   | 3.5M |
|            | 1901-1910   | 137,080  | 8.5M |
|            | 1911-1920   | 87,580   | 5.7M |
|            | 1921-1924   | 39,080   | 4.1M |

Cuban Immigrants: ~ 100,000

Haitian Immigrants: 25,000

⑦ 1930

JACL Established

- (1) protect rights of Issei
- (2) education of Nisei  
of their rights
- (3) spokes person to the  
white community

### 8. World War II

1) Patriotic Groups Brought considerable pressure to bear on West Coast Feb 19, 1942 Executive Order 9066

2) National Figures  
Earl Warren  
Walter Lippman

Authorized military commanders designated by Sec of War to exclude persons from proscribed military zones.

100 orders  
Western Defense Command

March 2, 1942 Gen John DeWitt  
Proclamation No 1.

- 1) Western Defense Command
- 2) Voluntary Evacuation from Western Half of CA OR, WA
- 3) Restrictions on J & J-A's

March, 1942

- 1) no further voluntary evacuation
- 2) War Relocation Board established to establish a program of removal relocation & maintenance of evacuated

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March 18, 1942

④ a War Relocation Board was formed to establish a program for removal, relocation & maintenance & supervision of evacuees.

May 19, 1942 Civilian Restriction Order No. 1.

⑤ Place in temporary detention centers  
10 Permanent Mass Relocation Centers

110,000 residents

60,000 Japanese/Chinese  
50,000 citizens

average 2 1/2 - 3 years in camp.

Chart

1949 Japanese-American Claims Act  
26,000 Claims, \$36 M, 10%

1952 Walter-McCarran Immigration  
Naturalization Act

1965 Liberalized Immigration  
Lyndon Johnson

1976 President Ford Finally  
Rescinded Ex. Order 9866.

How was the  
A Stage Set for A Redress Bill

First JACL Strategy

① Sept, 1977 A Summary Report by  
JACL Staff Regarding an  
approach to a Reparations  
Program.

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## JACL Strategy (con't)

2) A Number of Task Forces Set Up to Develop Support Systems for Reparation Program

3. National Committee on Redress  
John Tateishi Chairman

4. Set-Up ~~Am~~ local committees on Redress

Second

Political Support in Congress

Senate: (1) Dan Inouye - Harvard Law  
~~was~~ Protégé of Johnson  
Senate Foreign  
Appropriations Committee  
Powerful

(2) Spunky Matsunaga  
Former House W & Means  
Has gained support  
from South Coast  
Conservative Demo

House (1) Norman Mineta  
Given top rating as  
a freshman Congressman

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## The Bill

① Aug 2, 1979 Senate Governmental  
Affairs Committee  
Co-Sponsors: + 15 Total  
Inouye Church  
Matsunaga  
Hyakawa

Voted out 11-0  
Crawston

Hearings =  
28

② Sept, 1979 House Judiciary Committee  
(Peter Rodino Cur)

Hearings = Administrative Law &  
Gov't Relations

Voted out of Committee  
16-0

Co-Sponsors: + 113 Total 128  
Norman Mineta Rob Matsui  
Jim Wright, Rodino, N.J.

③ Purpose of the Bill - Establish  
A Commission (7 members) 1/2  
\$ 1 Million

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Purpose:

- (1) Identification & Review  
Circumstances Surrounding  
Evacuation & Impact
- (2) Hearings / public hearings
- (3) Educate American Public
- (4) Serve as a deterrent for  
won't happen again
- (5) Serve as a focus  
for a discussion of  
the redress proposals.
- (6) Recommend remedies

Redress

Some Proposals =

1. Economic Compensation  
Uncompensated Property  
False Arrest, loss of income
2. Projects of Direct Benefit to  
Poor & Elderly
3. A Trust Fund for Educational  
Programs

Proponents =

Wright

Opponents =

Lowry Bill

Bauman

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Passage of Bill:-

Senate - Reported out of  
Committee 16-0

May ~~June~~ 21, 1980

Passed by unanimous vote  
May 22, 1980

House - Reported out of Judiciary  
June 24, 1980 16-0

Passed by Full House

July 21, 1980 279-109

Breakdown of Vote - New England

Signed by President Carter [July 31, 1980]

The Future

Short-term 1. Appropriations Bill  
Commissioner Members

2. Preparation for Hearings

1. Witnesses

2. Publicity

long-term 3. Possibility of Reparations

1. Political Climate

2. Bauman's vs Wright  
Church

Bill

4. Dispell Notion of Political Narrative

Senate Version May 22, 1980

279 to 109

House Version July 21, 1980

Unanimous consent

Sign July 31, 1980

(5) (2) Major Endorsements

1. Nat'l Council of Churches
  2. General Conference of the United Methodist Church
  3. Leadership Conf. on Civil Rights
- members } Am for Democratic Action  
              } Organization of Chinese Americans  
              } Nat'l Bar Association
4. Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

(3) Letter Writing Campaign. Support of Memberships

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Commission Bill  
Results: What will it do:  
7 members  
Fact Finding  
Reparations Reports  
14- Hold Hearings

5. Need for more activity  
correcting stereotypes &  
negative attitudes of Asians?

WST.

Who will