



Congressman Ed Case

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Central, Leeward), Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands**



Dear Friend:

The 2003 session of Congress is pau and the 2004 session begins January 20th. This is to report back to you on my first full year as your Congressman and to ask for your continued guidance.

My job is to provide you and our 600,000 fellow residents with the best possible representation in our federal government. This means (1) making the best decisions possible on the national and international issues of our day, (2) making sure our federal government is helping us with our state and local challenges, and (3) helping you with your individual needs.

The issues in Congress are difficult and often controversial, ranging from Iraq and terrorism, to federal taxes and budgets, education and our economy, Medicare and Social Security, environmental protection and veterans affairs, and much more. They're complicated by excessive partisanship which sometimes hinders good solutions. I try to apply your collective wisdom to working with my colleagues of whatever party toward the best answers for not just today, but 5, 15, 25 years down the road.

Hawai'i is a long way from Washington, D.C. and in many ways unique, so I work a lot on "cultural translation": making sure D.C. understands Hawai'i, and also making sure Hawai'i gets what we need from D.C. I also work hard to target federal resources to Hawai'i challenges, like the war on ice, or fixing roads, harbors and other infrastructure.

Another vital service we provide is focusing our federal government on your individual needs in benefits, immigration and other areas. And we're always available to help you with a visit to D.C. and tour of our U.S. Capitol.

All of this is only possible if we stay in touch with each other. That's why my Talk Story town meetings throughout Hawai'i (over 40 at last count) are so important, as are answering your communications to my office (over 30,000 so far) and just talking with you wherever we see each other. There's information inside on how to contact us.

My goal for 2004 is to take this great foundation and make it better. One way is for me to know just what you're thinking, so I sincerely welcome your response to my enclosed survey.

I am proud and humbled to represent you in Congress, and it is a privilege to serve you. I look forward to seeing you in '04!

With aloha,

Ed

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

2003 Congressional Highlights

It's impossible to list all of my efforts as your Congressman during 2003, but here are a few highlights. For more information or details, please contact us, or else visit our website at www.house.gov.case.

- Cosponsored comprehensive national economic recovery proposal
- Opposed budget-busting revenue reductions and spending increases and advocated for a balanced federal budget
- Fought for access by Hawai'i businesses (especially small businesses) to federal contracts
- Introduced Jones Act repeal to control escalating shipping costs of imported goods and exported products
- Cointroduced/advocated for federal recognition of Native Hawaiians
- Participated in the ceremonial return of Kaho'olawe from the Navy
- Advocated full funding of federal No Child Left Behind and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Felix/special education) mandates
- Advocated/obtained substantially increased federal funding for war on ice
- Opposed across-the-board effort to weaken environmental laws (eg drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, exempt military)
- Advocated for continued progress toward full sanctuary status for Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
- Introduced legislation for federal preservation of Hawai'i's endangered natural resources (e.g. Kaloko-Honokohau on Hawai'i Island, 'Ahihi-Kinai on Maui, Kilauea Point on Kaua'i)
- Toured most Hawai'i military facilities, met with commanding officers on mutual efforts and needs, and mediated local military-civilian issues
- Traveled to Iraq/Kuwait/Germany to assess intervention personally and visit with troops in field and hospital
- Cointroduced affordable Medicare prescription drug benefit combined with drug cost controls
- Advocated for rural economic/health care assistance
- Opposed federal overtime rule changes
- Urged federal government assistance with interisland transportation crisis
- Sought funding for road/traffic/transportation projects statewide (e.g. Saddle Road/Hawai'i, Lahaina Bypass/Maui, Kaunapapa Harbor/Lana'i, North-South Road/O'ahu, Nawiliwili Harbor/Kaua'i)
- Supported/obtained federal assistance for a variety of community needs (eg Hawai'i Island anti-drug programs, early Head Start programs on Maui and Lana'i, antiterrorism grant on O'ahu, and support for the Moloka'i 'Ohana Health Center)
- Fought to preserve/enhance veterans benefits, including passage of concurrent receipt of pension and disability payments
- Cointroduced/obtained long-sought passage of Filipino veterans benefits legislation



Congressman Case at one of over 40 Talk Story town meetings districtwide, this at Waikoloa discussing education and other issues



Congressman Case briefs the media about Iraq with colleagues at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, Germany

- Conducted 42 Talk Story community town hall meetings across district (Hilo, Pahoa, Volcano, Pahala, Ocean View, Kealahou, Keahole, Waikoloa, Kohala, Waimea, Honoka'a, Laupahoehoe, Hana, Pa'ia, Pukalani, Kihei, Wailuku, Kahului, Lahaina, Lana'i City (twice), Kaunakakai, Kalaupapa, Waimanalo, Kailua (twice), Kane'ohe (twice), Hau'ula, La'ie, Sunset Beach, Hale'iwa, Wahiawa (twice), Kapolei, Makakilo, Nanakuli, Wai'anae, Kilauea, Lihu'e (twice), Waimea)
- Introduced 15 bills, cosponsored over 300 bills, spoke on the House floor or submitted remarks on almost 50 occasions
- Answered over 30,000 communications from Hawai'i residents
- Welcomed over 2,500 visitors to our offices
- Logged around 250,000 miles of travel on official business

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 with D.C. staff

Washington D.C. Staff

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Congressman Ed Case discusses troop morale while visiting the Hawai'i troops serving in Kirkuk, Iraq

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Congressman Case addresses the methamphetamine (ice) crisis with U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo and Honolulu Prosecutor Peter Carlisle at a Kane'ohe forum



Congressman Case listening to a constituent on Native Hawaiian issues at an East Hawai'i Talk Story

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Congressman Case hosting Kylie Chang of Hanama'ulu, Kaua'i and her brother and sister at Children's Miracle Network Day in Congress

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Congressman Case talking agriculture with Makawao constituents

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Congressman Ed Case 2003 Congressional Survey

Knowing what you think is essential to representing you well in Congress. Please fill out this survey, fold this page, stamp and mail. Don't forget to sign up on the other side for my e-mail newsletter. You can also respond by fax (808-538-0233). Mahalo!

Foreign Relations. International terrorism, foreign crises, humanitarian needs and other difficulties abound in our world today. Which of the following best describes your views on our general involvement overseas today?

- We are too involved overseas and should focus more on problems at home
- Our level of involvement is about right for now
- We should increase our foreign involvement and help solve more world problems
- Other: _____

Iraq. Iraq is our most difficult and controversial foreign involvement today. We have now committed over 130,000 troops to Iraq, have lost almost 500 of our fellow citizens there, and will end up spending over \$200 billion on our effort. Which of the following best describes your current views on Iraq?

- It was a mistake for us to get involved in Iraq and we should get out as fast as possible
- It was a mistake for us to get involved but we have to see it through
- We did the right thing in intervening in Iraq but the cost is too high and we should get out
- We did the right thing in intervening in Iraq and we have to see it through
- Other: _____

National Economy, Taxes and Budget. In the last two years: (1) there have been major tax cuts which are projected to reduce federal revenues by up to \$2 trillion over the next decade; (2) our national economy has seen both high unemployment and, at least recently, some increased growth rates; and (3) our federal budget has swung from projected surpluses to deficits of \$400-500 billion annually. Which of the following best describes your views on these issues?

- I support the tax cuts; they have stimulated our economy, and we'll work the deficit out over time
- I support the tax cuts but am concerned about balancing our national budget
- I support some tax cuts but these were too much; we need to stimulate our economy and balance our budget in other ways
- I oppose the tax cuts; they don't stimulate our economy and we have too many needs now to reduce revenue
- Other: _____

Education. The cost of college has risen dramatically. My House Education and the Workforce Committee has made

escalating college costs a top priority in 2004. Which of the following best describes your views?

- Federal student loan and grant programs should be increased
- There should be a national college tuition savings program (tax-free contributions to a tuition savings account)
- College costs should be controlled by federal law or regulation
- No federal action should be taken on college costs
- Other: _____

Medicare. A controversial Medicare reform bill squeaked through Congress by a few votes and has been signed into law. Supporters say it finally delivers a prescription drug benefit to seniors and makes other needed changes to this vital program. Opponents say that the drug benefit won't help our seniors, costs aren't controlled, and we can't afford this expansion of Medicare. The 2004 Congress will continue this debate. Which of the following best describes your views?

- I support the Medicare reform law; give it time to work
- I oppose the law; it needs to be repealed or substantially amended
- Some parts of the law are good, but we have to (please indicate): _____
- I don't know enough about the law yet to have an opinion
- Other: _____

Hawai'i. The most crucial challenges facing our Hawai'i are (please list in priority): _____

If our federal government could do just a few things for us in Hawai'i, they would be (please list in priority): _____

Evaluation. What are your comments on my first year's performance as your Congressman? _____

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