

1 Public Meeting regarding whether the Federal  
2 Government should reestablish a  
3 government-to-government relationship with the  
4 Native Hawaiian Community

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1 P U B L I C M E E T I N G

2 MS. CHANG: Mahalo to the panel. I did  
3 want to make one point clear before we started going into  
4 the comments. I think when Colette was up she talked about  
5 we are going to go from one to six. I'm sorry, we're not,  
6 we are going to go from one to four.

7 We are trying to be consistent with all of the  
8 other communities, and they were three-hour meetings. And I  
9 apologize in advance, that's not enough time. But we will  
10 be going till four o'clock. So I am going to try to get as  
11 many comments -- try to take all the comments.

12 So with that, I am going to try to go really  
13 quickly. I have these little protocols before we go into  
14 the comments, so that we can be fair to everybody. I have a  
15 court reporter here, Kathryn, who's going to take down  
16 everything that you say. But she can only take one person  
17 speaking at a time. So I am going to ask you to come up  
18 when you're called. When you come up to the mike, please  
19 state your name. And if you can spell it, that's great.  
20 But they also have the audio. And I apologize if I  
21 mispronounce your name or if I don't get it right, I have a  
22 hard time sometimes understanding the writing. So I  
23 apologize.

24 If you want to speak in Hawaiian, please feel free  
25 to do so. We don't have a translator here, but if you would

1 like your testimony translated, we will make sure that the  
2 audio gets provided to a translator. If you are  
3 uncomfortable stating -- coming up to the mike -- again, we  
4 have comment forms. Rhea also mentioned you can fax, you  
5 can e-mail, and you do not have to give all your comments  
6 tonight. You have 60 days to do that. If you give an oral  
7 comment today, you can still provide a written comment.  
8 They want to hear -- the secretary wants to hear -- as much  
9 of your mana'o as possible.

10           There are -- obviously all of you are here and  
11 you're here to listen or you're here to provide comments.  
12 As we have been doing in the other meetings -- and again, I  
13 do not intend to offend anyone -- but we are going to  
14 provide you two minutes. So, I have Christine up here,  
15 she's going to show you when you get to one minute and 30  
16 seconds. I have a style about me, I don't want to get into  
17 your space, but when you get down to about 10 seconds, I am  
18 going to move closer to you. And that probably means you  
19 have got to wrap it up.

20           If I gently put my hand on your shoulder, that  
21 means your time has pau, and mahalo, and we are going to,  
22 you know, your two minutes is up. So again, I do not intend  
23 to offend anybody, but that seems to be working.

24           What we've done in the other areas -- because we  
25 had a very nice following with us on Oahu -- and they all

1 wanted to comment. But what we found is we were running out  
2 of time for the community that we went into. So I am going  
3 to ask, if those of you who have provided comments at other  
4 islands, if you would please permit the people who have not  
5 provided a comment to speak first. And then after that, you  
6 can make your comments. Given the importance of today's  
7 meeting, the issues are, as you heard from everybody, it's  
8 painful, some people are angry. But you have a lot to say.  
9 I just ask that everybody be respectful both to the speaker  
10 as well as the community, be respectful of them, and be  
11 courteous. You know, we know that there's emotion. But we  
12 would ask that there be -- limit the swearing -- no  
13 swearing.

14 And with that, I am going to start with the  
15 testimony. The comments are going to be based upon how you  
16 signed up. So I am going to call the first five people up.  
17 But if there's any kapuna here who would like to come up  
18 early, please come up. We're going to take kapuna first.  
19 If not, I am going to go down the list. Okay? When I call  
20 your name, please come over here. You can sit at this  
21 table. But no kapuna come up. So this is the first five,  
22 and then please walk your way up.

23 Kaeo Kawae, Kalei Hawaa, Kilohana Roberts, Timmy  
24 Leong and Davianna -- I hope you don't mind -- and then I  
25 have Noa Emmett Alulu.

1           MR. KAWAE: Aloha, my kapuna. "To His  
2   Excellency, William McKinley, president, and the senate of  
3   the United States of America. Greetings. Whereas, there  
4   has been submitted to the Senate of the United States of  
5   America a treaty for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands  
6   to the said United States of America for consideration at  
7   its regular session in December, A.D. 1897. Therefore, we  
8   the undersigned Native Hawaiian citizens and residents of  
9   the District of Kona Honolulu, Island Oahu, who are members  
10  of the Hawaiian Patriotic League of the Hawaiian Islands and  
11  others who are in sympathy with the said league earnestly  
12  protest against the annexation of the said Hawaiian Islands  
13  to the United States of America in any form or shape."

14           From this, I have five of my kapuna on this page.  
15  And of course, we know there's thousands of them. So, just  
16  to give voice to this page -- (recites names from the  
17  petition).

18           When I leave this life, I will answer to these  
19  kapuna. Have I been behind them when they started this. It  
20  all goes back to the beginning. We cannot build -- we  
21  cannot build a nation to nation, a government to government.  
22  We cannot rebuild a nation-to-nation relationship until the  
23  havoc, the wrong, the injustice has been resolved. We need  
24  to go back to the beginning with this, with the over-throw,  
25  okay, with the nation that was no longer recognized.

1           Let us go back to the beginning. Okay. So that  
2 when I do go to the other side, they will welcome me, we  
3 will answer to a higher power. Mahalo.

4           (Applause)

5           MS. HAWAA: (Speaking in Hawaiian.)

6           MR. ROBERTS: My name is Kilohana Roberts.

7 I am the son of David (inaudible) and the grandson of David  
8 (inaudible) III. I agree with Uncle Kaeo. I think that  
9 before we can move forward with any kind of Federal  
10 anything, any kind of anything, period, the wrong that was  
11 done should be made right, should be made whole again. And  
12 the 150 Statutes and all this land, all this money, that's  
13 great. But really, all of that is ours. I don't think we  
14 should take any kind of table scraps of the whole piece that  
15 belonged to us. So, I think that -- it's like you guys said  
16 before, but thank you, I don't like Federal recognition.  
17 What I like is whatever you guys can do to get the people  
18 that you need to talk to, that we need to talk to, to  
19 reinstate the Hawaiian government, which is the legal  
20 government of this whole community. That's what I'd like.  
21 So since that's not your kuelani, sorry, no thank you. But  
22 I don't think really have anything else to discuss right  
23 now. But thank you for coming in. That's all I have to  
24 say. Thank you.

25           MR. LEONG: Aloha. My name is Timmy

1 Leong. I would like to just say -- tell the people this --  
2 red ribbon signifies support for Queen Liliuokalani's letter  
3 of protest that she sent to the United States government  
4 after she was overthrown. So if you see people wearing the  
5 red ribbon, that's what it means. I want to thank you folks  
6 for coming to present questions for us to ask or answer.

7 But, I think before we answer those questions, I  
8 have a question that I need answered. And that question is,  
9 maybe somebody from the Justice Department can help us,  
10 Justin. But is it constitutional under the United States  
11 Constitution to annex a foreign country with a joint  
12 resolution of Congress and not a treaty of annexation?  
13 Until I can get a positive answer to that question, all  
14 these other questions are moot. There's no reason to even  
15 go there. Because what happens is the Department of the  
16 Interior, you have no business going to Iraq, Afghanistan,  
17 Syria, China, anywhere.

18 So, what I'm saying is this. Until that question  
19 is answered, I mean, you know, all this what we are going  
20 through is irrelevant. It's only adding one more layer of  
21 government on top of it. You know, we're adding on top of  
22 the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, OHA, State of Hawaii,  
23 all of this, and it's just irrelevant.

24 I have one more thing to say. You know, next week  
25 is the fourth of July. And I realized that when I was



1 growing up it was a non holiday, we never celebrated the  
2 fourth of July. And I never thought about it till recently.  
3 And I thought, there was a reason why we didn't celebrate  
4 the fourth of July. Because our family felt it was very  
5 hypocritical to celebrate a country's independence that came  
6 and took away ours.

7 (Applause)

8 BY MS. CHANG: I have Noa Emmett Alulu.

9 After Emmett, I have Lawrence Aki and Cora Schnackenberg and  
10 James Duvauchelle, and Laree Mowat.

11 DR. ALULI: Aloha Kakou. I support an  
12 administrative rule that would facilitate the  
13 reestablishment of a government-to-government relationship.  
14 I support assistance in reorganizing our governance to  
15 reestablish a government-to-government relationship relying  
16 on the organizing of a Native Hawaiian Government through  
17 Kana Ioluwalu. I carry a legacy. The first hearing  
18 regarding statehood was held in Hawaii in 1935 by the U.S.  
19 House Committee on the Territories. There were 150 persons  
20 who testified; 90 were in favor and 60 opposed to statehood.  
21 Of those who testified, 17 were Native Hawaiians, and 15  
22 testified in favor, one opposed and one offered conditional  
23 support.

24 Significantly, my grandfather, Attorney Noa Webster  
25 Aluli, who had drafted and lobbied for the original Hawaiian

1 Homes Commission Act, stated that he would only support  
2 statehood if the welfare, well-being and non-extinction of  
3 Hawaiians would be protected. He urged the congressmen to  
4 include Native Hawaiians under the Wheeler-Howard Act or the  
5 Indian Reorganization Act, which had passed a year earlier  
6 in 1934.

7 So, as a physician on Molokai for 35 years, I know  
8 personally and professionally that our well-being and our  
9 wealth and our health is not improving. And unless we have  
10 more resources in the vehicle to kind of like better care  
11 and for those promotional programs, we won't make a  
12 difference as physicians in Hawaii, that's for certain. An  
13 example for me is the Alaskan Native Medical Center based in  
14 Anchorage.

15 As a founding member of the Protect Kaho'olawe  
16 Ohana, our position is our Ohana supports all paths to  
17 sovereignty and will not block any pathways. The Federal  
18 pathway for sovereignty is important to open and to fulfill  
19 the terms of state law to transfer this island to a  
20 government federally and state recognized.

21 MR. AKI: My name is Lawrence Aki, I'm  
22 here to -- real simple actually -- all right. I understand  
23 your questions but I need to go back to what this has been  
24 from the very beginning. The 1893 overthrow, the 1993  
25 apology recognizes the fact that we're almost done -- real

1 simple. You need to go home. Very simple. And allow us  
2 the opportunity as Hawaiians to set up our government. Then  
3 we talk story about whether we want to talk to you or not,

4 (Applause)

5 MR. DUVAUCHELLE: Thank you, Sweetie. You  
6 can hear me? My name is James Duvauchelle, I was born and  
7 raised on Molokai. My grandmother is up there, lot number  
8 eight. I was born in Kolumpua (phonetic spelling) right on  
9 their homestead.

10 And I just want to say thank you so much for your  
11 patience, for your time for coming here, I know you put up  
12 with a lot, you got to go through all this. But that's  
13 okay, God bless you.

14 I just want to say that we are here today because  
15 of what we believe. And the truth, the fact of the matter  
16 is, the Hawaiian Kingdom still exists. It was never  
17 dissolved. Instead, it was illegally overthrown by the  
18 United States government. Therefore, it is my belief that  
19 the puna thing to do is to restore the kingdom's existence.  
20 It may not be the best thing to do, but because that's where  
21 the injustice was done. So in order for justice to prevail,  
22 we must first undo the unjusts. And this can only mean,  
23 people, it only can mean if we come together as people of  
24 this aina. We got to work together. We've got to lift one  
25 another up, we've got to move ahead. I believe this is an

1 opening to what we worked so hard for a long time that we've  
2 waited for something like this to come up. And we cannot go  
3 for them. We've got to pray for them. God bless them.  
4 They came over here, offer us good things. We could have  
5 just said, no thank you. But no makes them -- (speaking in  
6 Hawaiian) Be nice.

7 And to our people, I want to say one thing. By  
8 this act of puna I believe our people can make sovereign  
9 decisions without political influence from the outside. And  
10 to my people, to everyone that is here today, I know this is  
11 a serious matter for us to consider. Yet, that's where the  
12 (inaudible) is right now. Right back to where it started  
13 from in 1863. Thank you, I don't like this. Thank you. I  
14 think we said it all. Together we stand, united we stand,  
15 divided we fall. God bless you all. Thank you.

16 (Applause)

17 MS. CHANG: I really appreciate all your  
18 courtesies, it's really hard for me. I am going to ask the  
19 speakers to ensure that everybody in the back can hear  
20 because we don't have the best sound system but we have got  
21 to go with what we've got. You've got to speak into the  
22 mike and really loud.

23 MS. SCHNACKENBERG: My name is Cora  
24 Schnackenberg. Aloha, everyone. I couldn't have said it  
25 any better than Uncle said it.

1 I was sitting -- I just found this out last  
2 night -- and I was a little bit disappointed on how us -- or  
3 how I got the information. But nevertheless, as I sat and  
4 read the questions -- and I was so honored and humbled to  
5 address the kapunas that this is history right now, it's  
6 unfolding. And I wouldn't be able to speak my manoa without  
7 those that had gone before us and make this an opportunity.  
8 I would like to say one, that there has to be an  
9 acknowledgement of wrongdoing.

10 Number two is, the Federal Government got their  
11 hand in the cookie jar. So it's difficult to even  
12 acknowledge the fact that your intentions are.

13 And the third thing, I would like to say is that  
14 as our Hawaiian politicians who serves us, I'm really  
15 disappointed in them. Because we have never been asked to  
16 come as Hawaiians to discuss issues on the table prior to  
17 these people. And I really wanted to make it known to the  
18 media that our politicians that we put in office have  
19 never -- have never asked us -- come, we got one meeting  
20 over here, this is what's on the table, I like hear your  
21 manoa. This is sort of late. But nevertheless, I wanted to  
22 say that.

23 And the fourth one is our Hawaiian people, you  
24 guys, we all love each other, we also make room for those  
25 that are not Hawaiian. But I wanted to say this, that we

1 continue to be in separate organizations and fight each  
2 other. There's no way we can come to one. So I would  
3 encourage in the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ that we  
4 all come as one body. Thank you. Aloha.

5 BY MS. CHANG: Loree Mowat, David Lima and  
6 Kalapana.

7 MS. MOWAT: My name is Laree Mowat. I  
8 was born and raised on Maui. I live here now with my  
9 husband and my family here on Molokai and I love it. You  
10 know, I'm multi-ethnic. I have Native Hawaiian, Filipino,  
11 Chinese. You know, and all of my family loves Hawaii and  
12 this is where we call home.

13 And so, my answers to the questions are no. I am  
14 in agreement with almost everyone that already spoke, you  
15 know. I believe in Jesus, he is a sovereign God. I believe  
16 he believes in sovereignty, that's what he wants for the  
17 Hawaiian people. And I love the calls of unity that I have  
18 been hearing. I am in agreement with that as well.

19 And my prayer is that the people of Hawaii, the  
20 ones that are not educated, you know, on these international  
21 matters as well as what's going on in the United States,  
22 that they would educate themselves. And that the wrongs  
23 would be made right, and that we would really look to God as  
24 a people for our answers and not a government.

25 (Applause)

1           MR. MOWAT: Aloha, everybody. My  
2 name is Hawaiiiloa Mowat. First of all, I would like to say  
3 no to everything, all the questions, you know. You hear  
4 time and time, we like to know the answer. It seems like  
5 you guys are present us five questions for one question that  
6 Kaeo Kawae stated, you know.

7           And it seems like all right for if I bring up the  
8 Bible, it's like Jesus did all through the Bible, answer  
9 questions with questions for one reason, is that those who  
10 were trying to find him guilty couldn't find him guilty. He  
11 took the whole conversation, number one, if you ask me,  
12 Hawaiiiloa, how your day going? And I say, oh, it depends  
13 how your day going.

14           You know, I just instill the conversation from you  
15 guys, I am not a leader of the conversation. You guys  
16 answering to me now. It seems that that's what is going on  
17 is, you know, you guys -- I am not going to say you guys --  
18 I don't know you guys personally. But I will say that I no  
19 trust what is going on. Not because I do not trust you  
20 guys as individuals, but we can only trust the fruit that  
21 comes from the tree, you know. And the fruits from the tree  
22 so far will show bad fruits, was bad for us. And the taste  
23 in our mouth is bitter and we're tired of it. We like the  
24 good trees and the good fruits that you guys been feed --  
25 talking about all this time. You guys feeding us thorns and

1 thistles, but we asking for mango. We like coconut, you  
2 know what I mean? We like eat good stuff. We like the  
3 benefit that is promised to us, not this hearsay, we're  
4 going to give you guys this. Because honestly, it's hard  
5 time to trust because these previous years, 121 years, we  
6 have nothing. But what we get for sure, people, nothing.  
7 Nothing for sure. And we're tired of it already. I like  
8 cry, you know what I mean? I'm sickened of it.

9 And, you know, I just wish that the individuals in  
10 these seats would take it to heart, put you guys' self in  
11 our shoes, you know. My kids now only 25 percent Hawaiian,  
12 I worry for them. That's the things we need to change. The  
13 only way we are going to get that change is if we get our  
14 own government. My son too, this stuff is out. Once we get  
15 our own government, people, we got to unify. So, let's  
16 unify, people. I speaking to you guys now because over here  
17 is on dead end. We got to come together, people. I  
18 speaking to all Hawaiians and non Hawaiians who is proud  
19 countrymen of this island. Let's unify. That is the only  
20 way we can do it, you guys, that's it.

21 (Applause)

22 MR. LIMA: Aloha. My name is David Lima.  
23 I grew up on this island. I guess my answer to all those  
24 questions is no.

25 And I guess for them, they got to understand,



1 there is going to be a lot of people with plenty animosity  
2 and mistrust because of the history that was done. And more  
3 so, I don't know if they can understand this language. But  
4 they know there was a case called Hoball Resalilar (phonetic  
5 spelling) the Indians tribes against you guys. You guys  
6 tried to do this whole thing with them. They sue you guys  
7 for 100 -- what was it -- 186 billion. You guys settled,  
8 they settled for four million. But, billions, none of this  
9 land is worth any money, it's priceless.

10 So all these Hawaiians, they know that. They are  
11 not going to trust you guys. Right now it's about educating  
12 everybody. All the distrust is going to be continued,  
13 people is going to continue to not trust you guys. Not you  
14 guys but who you guys work for. So I think ultimately if  
15 you guys like no, you guys should go educate you guys'  
16 bosses to speak to the hearts of all these meetings that you  
17 guys went across the state. And that's the best thing you  
18 guys can ask for.

19 (Applause)

20 MS. CHANG: After David is Kalapana  
21 Keluhoomaluu, Helen O'Connor, Lori Buchanan and James  
22 McPherson. So you've got to speak loud. If somebody in the  
23 back raises their hand, that means they cannot hear and  
24 you've got something important to say.

25 MR. KELUHOOMALU: Aloha. My name is

1 Kalapana Keluhoomalu.

2 First of all, I just want to give God the praise  
3 and all the glory, because of him this is all happening.  
4 First of all, my answer to the question is all no. No.  
5 Aole, Aole, Aole. But can I entrust you with this? It's  
6 just evidence that the Kingdom of Hawaii -- just wants to my  
7 case is that I went through and how corrupt their judges  
8 are. And as we know, as the paper said too, the Kingdom of  
9 Hawaii does exist. But the judges just seem to still deny  
10 the motion to relief.

11 But anyway, about the Homestead Act, it's just a  
12 set-up, that eventually when each Hawaiian bred out their  
13 Hawaiians they end up -- the land go back to the Feds  
14 supposedly. So, just a gimmick.

15 Again, another thing about the DLNR, Federal  
16 funded that now -- now just to go out, go catch your  
17 kawakawa, you cannot just -- pretty soon you cannot just  
18 jump on a boat and just go and go get them. You've got  
19 to -- you need a license -- they tell you, you need a  
20 license for go.

21 Another thing is the coast guards running back and  
22 forth along those coasts is boarding our boats. So, just  
23 with that I know -- but you probably can do something and  
24 the Department of Justice -- and I know you can do something  
25 about that. So, with that, mahalo.

1 (Applause)

2 MS. CHANG: Thank you. Helen, Lori and  
3 James.

4 MS. BUCHANON: Aloha, Molokai. You came  
5 asking five questions. You guys all had the copy of the  
6 questions? They only here asking answers to five questions.  
7 And I just got this yesterday, so I couldn't have time to do  
8 my homework.

9 But on the first question, you're asking if the  
10 secretary should propose an administrative rule that would  
11 facilitate establishment of government-to-government  
12 relationship with the native Hawaiian community. My answer  
13 is no. Not unless a whole number of specific agreements on  
14 severability is first established, okay.

15 Number two, should the secretary assist the Native  
16 Hawaiian community in reorganizing its government which the  
17 United States could reestablish a government-to-government  
18 relationship. Hum. Hum. Maybe. But only under what I had  
19 already spoken about previously.

20 The real question for me that was a real concern  
21 was the third one. If so, what process should be  
22 established for drafting and ratifying a reorganized native  
23 Hawaiian government's constitution or other governing  
24 documents. That for me is the biggest question, and I am  
25 going to tell you why.

1           In 2011, I spent half of all of 2011 all the way  
2 into Christmas, every week in the evening on my personal  
3 time on the phone with Federal officials in a Section 7-106  
4 consultation for native Hawaiian organizations. I  
5 represented my Ohana in those deliberations. I found then  
6 as I have subsequently found on every deliberation I've had  
7 with the Federal government, is that the process is very  
8 flawed. Very flawed.

9           The Advisory Council on historic preservation  
10 rules working with tribes and native Hawaiian organizations  
11 are very flawed. And so, that is where I have a big  
12 problem. I am not afraid of talking to the Federal  
13 government, I am not afraid of discussing anything with  
14 anybody. But that whole process is what is flawed.

15           And then there's two more questions. But the  
16 third question cannot be answered in 60 seconds. It cannot.  
17 So all of this is not fair. This process today is not fair.

18           (Applause)

19           MS. BUCHANON: Because you are asking me  
20 to provide feedback. She holding up the sign, says pau. I  
21 am not pau. These are very serious questions, and we all in  
22 this room found out only last week that you guys were going  
23 to be here. And so, that's my -- that's what is bothering  
24 me today. I am not afraid to talk with you guys, by the  
25 way. And I say, bring it. Okay.

1 (Applause)

2 MS. CHANG: I have James McPherson. And  
3 is Helen O'Connor here? Helen, you want to come up?

4 And after Helen, I have Gene Ross Davis, Myron  
5 Okutagous, Wilma Joy, if you guys can come up too.

6 MR. MCPHERSON: Speak loud. You guys put  
7 us on the spot, we've got to respond, you have got to be  
8 here in person. We cannot let this time go by. It is an  
9 opportunity for us to voice our dissatisfaction. But my  
10 name is James Kimo Kanali McPherson. My lineage goes way  
11 back, but that's beside the point.

12 What I'm here for is those five questions.  
13 They're all irrelevant, they're not appropriate. Like we  
14 just said two minutes, you've already stacked the deck. But  
15 I am here to tell you, I've had 33 years in the travel  
16 industry, I have gone all over the world. And for some  
17 reason, I ended up in Indian country in Oklahoma, in all  
18 those areas right there. And I know their relationship with  
19 the Department of Interior is not one that's good. The  
20 Department of Interior, the government has their own  
21 interpretation of the laws and the Indians have another  
22 interpretation of the laws.

23 What I'm here to tell you is, at least they have  
24 land, at least they have casinos, at least they have --  
25 their customs that can be practiced. I have been into the

1 Virgin Islands too. They're not treated well either.

2 And here's another fact. Have you ever been to  
3 New Zealand? The British have a treaty with the Maori, it's  
4 called the Waitangi Treaty. And even that, with the  
5 British, has been interpretation. The British interpreted  
6 that these natives are subjects of them. But I'm here to  
7 tell you the chiefs of the nation -- of the New Zealand  
8 areas that have land -- are thriving. And they're  
9 interpreting their manoa on how they are going to be ruled.

10 But it comes down to this place, this islands,  
11 this is the most isolated islands, and yet we don't even  
12 own -- we don't even have a place to practice our customs --  
13 something has to be done about it. But you're asking me to  
14 tell you, how do you feel about the five questions? Yes or  
15 no. I'm here to tell you that I cannot make an  
16 interpretation in a few minutes you give me. That's very,  
17 very inappropriate behavior. And I'm here to tell you that  
18 it's going to be a while, you're going to get responses from  
19 all of us. And I guess my two minutes is up.

20 MS. O'CONNOR: I'm Helen (inaudible)  
21 O'Connor Lewis. I was born and raised in (inaudible) And  
22 I'm fortunate, and I also have a homestead in (inaudible.)  
23 Unfortunately, employment takes me to Oahu. The first  
24 thing I wanted to do first though is introduce Molokai to  
25 two native Hawaiians who are with this commission that's

1 here. Because you know what, we should be proud that we  
2 have native Hawaiians in positions like that. And also  
3 contacts that we can, you know, reach out to for assistance.  
4 First I would like to introduce Dee Jay Mailer. Dee Jay is  
5 a former president of the Global Fund. She just retired  
6 last year. And because of her leadership while she was with  
7 the Kamehameha Schools, we have all the preschools and many  
8 of the Kamehameha program on each islands. You know, I just  
9 wanted to make sure everybody knows that she's part of the  
10 team. And she has been commissioned on the Asian, American  
11 and Pacific Islanders Affairs -- and native Hawaiians, yes.  
12 Actually, as native Hawaiians are asking that we pull out of  
13 that Asian American Pacific and become native Hawaiian and  
14 Pacific Islander Commission of our own. Because there's  
15 more Asians than there are Hawaiians and Polynesians, you  
16 know, that they overtake everything we do.

17 The second person is Esther Kia'aina. She  
18 alluded to what she's doing with the Department Of interior.  
19 But, Esther is going to be confirmed as the under  
20 secretary -- let me get this right, and you can correct me  
21 if I'm wrong -- under secretary of the Department of  
22 Interior for the Pacific Trust Territories. So her kuliana  
23 is going to be all the Pacific Trust Territories and we know  
24 that she always has our ear. Congratulations and thank you.

25 And she's been a fighter for us Hawaiians for many

1 years. You know, I support our people coming together and  
2 organizing a nation for ourselves. But however you decide  
3 to do that, it's going to be our people's kuliana. And, you  
4 know, I'm hearing something very strong from Molokai, what  
5 you feeling about all of this. Let me say something.  
6 Remember the ancient history of Molokai. Many times when  
7 things happen, if we do the same prayers, we can open the  
8 doors for it to happen. So remember that. It sounds like  
9 all your hearts are in the same direction. So you are  
10 opening the doors for the other side to come and help.

11 I have one question, though, and this is to the  
12 Justice Department. If our people do decide to come up with  
13 a government, will they be able to take over the Hawaiian  
14 Homelands Trust and all our assets?

15 MS. CHANG: Aunty, that is an excellent  
16 question. And what I am going to ask you to do is, I think  
17 we are going to have some time for questions and answers.  
18 So if you wouldn't mind holding that question until when we  
19 can ask questions, and they are going to answer it for you.  
20 But right now I am going to take the comment, okay. So you  
21 make sure you bring -- you come up with that question.

22 (Applause)

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (He did not sign  
24 in)

25 Richard (inaudible) I have got a junior around



1 and I ain't paying his bills. I have got to call this first  
2 gentleman here (speaking in Hawaiian) The four of you has  
3 come to represent your bosses, first of all, the government  
4 that you work for, which is our government. And we are the  
5 taxpayers to pay that, which we are not supposed to be  
6 taking the tax from the (inaudible) side of the Hawaiian  
7 Kingdom government. Hawaiian Kingdom government overthrown  
8 in 1893.

9 Now, this government is still in order in the  
10 records of the Library of Congress. They are supposed to  
11 have 60 votes to pass, they had only 58, they ram it through  
12 us again. Until then, they're still taking our (inaudible)  
13 which is 700 trillion dollars over in the account. Congress  
14 is broke. They need our money through the organizations  
15 that they have. Colette is one of the wonderful  
16 representatives for the Hawaiian people, the OHA. She has  
17 to stand up to whatever questions she has. However, that  
18 funds paying her and using for is under our own money.

19 My kapuna, I ask you to forgive me for coming  
20 into your area and coming out and speaking. I am sorry if I  
21 offend you. My brothers and sisters, I'm sorry if I offend  
22 you. I come from (inaudible) on the northwestern shores of  
23 Maui. I'm sure these people will be coming over to Maui  
24 also. But I came here under music to do for Brother Billy  
25 sitting on seat number 33, and for his son's graduation.

1 Now, I don't know if you was invited, I am not going to  
2 invite you, but you can come outside to the parking lot and  
3 listen to the voice. And Brother Walter, forgive me up  
4 here -- pau -- pau is something that -- it's an ongoing  
5 journey over and over and over again. That's what pau is.

6 Finish with the English, can understand it. If  
7 you get the word finish, I can understand it. But I want to  
8 tell you (speaking Hawaiian) change your names again, that  
9 you must go back and tell your bosses that it is irrelevant  
10 for the questions that you have brought to our (speaking  
11 Hawaiian) you have brought to our (speaking Hawaiian) You  
12 suffer the consequences for years. Everybody else in the  
13 world have law and reparation (speaking Hawaiian).

14 (Speaking Hawaiian) We're still paying tax, we're paying  
15 everything else to you. But it belongs to us.

16 See the flag over there? I don't know what the  
17 yellow fringes around the flag means. It's under the court.  
18 And their vessel is out there in the ocean, not here on --  
19 they have not jurisdiction over us. (Speaking Hawaiian)  
20 The Lord Jesus Christ, we continue to be patient, love one  
21 another, no matter what the circumstances. Our brother went  
22 out there, blew the (inaudible), our brother has the right  
23 to do what he want to do. We only got to speak in love,  
24 Brother. (Speaking in Hawaiian) I thank each of one of you  
25 for giving me the opportunity. If I offended you, I don't

1 want to do that, please forgive me. Mahalo, God bless all  
2 of you.

3 (Applause)

4 MS. CHANG: With that, I have Gene Davis.  
5 And then I have Myron Okutagous, Wilma Joy and then I have  
6 Sean.

7 MR. DAVIS: Before you start the clock --  
8 Before you start the clock, I would like to make one  
9 announcement if I may. Everyone is only looking at the five  
10 questions. Can you guys hear me? Okay, can everybody hear  
11 me now?

12 I have got to turn like this. Okay. I got it.  
13 Up until now everything has been so last minute that most of  
14 you only know about the five questions that is here for  
15 comments. But I would like for you to refer to the web site  
16 because there's actually 18 questions that's really  
17 important. And you have 60 days, I believe, to respond to  
18 that. And so this is just for public testimony today, these  
19 five questions that you have. And so, maybe later on you  
20 can advise us as to where we can find that web site.

21 Now you can begin the time. The document is  
22 outside. And so the documents is -- the hand-out that we  
23 received -- I read it, it was 27 pages, is that the one? I  
24 saw the 18, 19 questions in that hand-out. So, that's the  
25 really important one, so please respond. With that, you can

1 begin.

2 My name is Gene Ross Davis, born and raised in  
3 (inaudible.) I am a product of the Hawaiian Homelands  
4 project. I too am going to say no to all five questions. I  
5 truly believe we need to be referred to correctly. Yeah, I  
6 give respect to our native American brothers. But we should  
7 be classified differently. And because of that, out of due  
8 respect, I have a hard time supporting (inaudible.)

9 Once again, being a beneficiary of the Hawaiian  
10 Homelands, I've learned so much. And I truly believe that  
11 Prince Kuhio had great intentions. It was a last-minute  
12 ditch to try to salvage a dying nation. And so, I am going  
13 to continue to support that. The problem with the Hawaiian  
14 Homelands is we were never really funded, and that's the  
15 problem. We needed Federal funding. Thank you for all that  
16 you do with the (inaudible.)

17 The state, I don't know where they're at. Gosh,  
18 it took 55 years and how many lawsuits. Finally, in the  
19 year 2015, they are going to pay for salary. We need  
20 development. We need for the small ants to incorporate the  
21 big ants and swallow it up and put people on the land. This  
22 is what that trust was made for.

23 And so, I am going to ask you, because this is  
24 in your jurisdiction, continue to play an active role, not a  
25 passive role. We've got to be proactive in this, this is

1 too late, the median blood quantum within our population has  
2 shifted. We are going to fall through the cracks. And so  
3 tyranny is a fearful thing for us to even approach Congress  
4 to deal with that matter. And we are going to depend on  
5 you, the kingdom building, mahalo, I see that. It's  
6 something that we've got to continue to do, yeah. We need  
7 to have federal -- some kind of recognition to protect  
8 ourselves so we can have our own constitution. Mahalo,  
9 everyone.

10 MS. CHANG: Mahalo. I will tell you.  
11 Molokai, I really appreciate -- it is hard telling you you  
12 have to stop at two minutes, but I really appreciate that  
13 you guys are really keeping to that. So mahalo.

14 With that, I have Myron and then I have Wilma,  
15 then I have Sean and then Lynn.

16 MR. OKUTAGOUS: Can you hear me?  
17 Hello. Myron Okutagous, brought up on East end Molokai near  
18 Lanai. Growing up over there, I never experienced, as you  
19 can tell every east end guys, we grew up, it's because we  
20 had plenty Hawaiians at that time. From coming all the way  
21 up to (inaudible) majority was Hawaiians. Our school,  
22 majority of Hawaiians. So we thought -- like fishing was  
23 so easy, God only blessed us that if you wish one fish you  
24 can throw blind, you can get fish. Anybody can almost feed  
25 their family when you're 12 years old, that is so much over

1 there.

2 But right now, to answer that question, Pastor  
3 Richard said we will be -- we have got to fix our taxes or  
4 get on moratorium on it. You know what I mean? On the  
5 taxes of Hawaiians lands. Some of us lost our Hawaiian  
6 lands because we was taxed out. Many of our people get  
7 thousand names on top their one land. And they say, oh, not  
8 everybody paying their fair share so I don't want to pay the  
9 fair share.

10 In the meantime, the government waiting for that,  
11 you not pay your taxes, they take away the land, that's  
12 plain and simple. This is the land outside of Hawaiian  
13 Homelands. You Hawaiian Homelands people are guaranteed as  
14 long as you guys get blood quantum. But have family outside  
15 of Hawaiian Homelands who own lands.

16 So that's the question I want. If you guys can  
17 answer that and help us outside of that, it will be good.  
18 If you can help get our lands back that we lost because we  
19 couldn't pay the taxes, that would be good also. And the  
20 questions, they always bringing up the questions, all you  
21 guys got to do is change the questions. Maybe next time,  
22 change the questions and maybe put out questions so  
23 everybody will hear. Can put in suggestion what questions  
24 should be asked.

25 With that, I get a word from the Bible. And this

1 for our nation, and everybody here got to remember that, and  
2 everybody going to be blessed by that. The earth is the  
3 Lord's and the fullness thereof and all those that dwell  
4 within. That means God owns all, owns all. With that, I  
5 feel the blood of Jesus on everyone and his saving grace.  
6 Amen.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CHANG: Wilma and Sean and then Lynn.

9 MS. JOY: Okay, there is a way to do  
10 this, I imagine, okay.

11 Wilma Noelani Joy, third generation Hawaiian  
12 Homesteader. I currently live on lot 70, which has been in  
13 my family since 1925. My grandparents on both sides was the  
14 original homesteaders. And I am. But we're having problems  
15 too.

16 I support that the secretary proposed an  
17 administrative rule that would facilitate to reestablish a  
18 government relationship with the native Hawaiian community  
19 as a native Hawaiian government, on the condition that  
20 native Hawaiian is inclusive hundred percent to one percent  
21 Hawaiian blood quantum. The limitation by the Hawaiian  
22 Homes Act of 50 percent must be redone. The 100 percent is  
23 dwindling, the 50 percent is dwindling. Our children need  
24 to have the right, as I have, to have a homestead.

25 So, I say that this government recognize native

1   Hawaiians as hundred percent to one percent blood quantum.  
2   I support a government that will bring down educational  
3   housing, health benefits to improve the conditions of the  
4   Hawaiians now and in the future.

5           The process itself that you speak of appears to  
6   be a long process. And I fear I am not going to be here by  
7   the time it's established. So I yield that to those younger  
8   than me, the next generation, my sons and daughters, to go  
9   through the process and approve the process. Because  
10  they're the ones who have to deal with it. I thank you very  
11  much.

12           MS. CHANG: I am on number 38, Sean. And  
13  then, after that is Lynn. Is Sean here? Is Lynn here?

14           MS. DE COIT: Aloha, Molokai. Aloha,  
15  Department of Interior. Thank you for coming. My name is  
16  Lynn De Coit, I am third generation Hawaiian Homesteader. I  
17  would like to first start off with I am glad to see how many  
18  Hawaiians out here. It's so very few that I get to see so  
19  many of you guys.

20           But I like to start, number one, no to all five of  
21  the questions. And I think once we answer no to the five  
22  questions, that the rest of those questions in the back  
23  should not apply.

24           Number two, I think the failure of the Department  
25  of the Interior to educate the people first. Many of us



1 have attended the meetings, have not been educated on the  
2 whole process. In my opinion, we have put the cart before  
3 the horse. We should know the benefits beforehand, and not  
4 create the government and find out what the benefits is  
5 later.

6 It is as if you, this department, has put a choke  
7 chain on our Hawaiian people. You guys keep us at arms  
8 length, try to use us as puppets. You must first assume the  
9 relationship and build the trust first. Occupation is the  
10 only insurance that we have and perpetual successorship. A  
11 nation of a nation would close the options to beneficiaries  
12 and our future generations. Though we might not have that  
13 power once this nation is built, where does it leave our  
14 kids and our kids' kids.

15 Let's not forget that many of us have seen what  
16 we've seen here on Molokai, but not forget that those who  
17 dwindled their way into the Department of Interior and have  
18 back yard dealings that we know nothing about. We've got to  
19 wake up. Okay? The Department of Interior should support  
20 the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the mission of  
21 Prince Jonas Kuhio that was set forth back then and correct  
22 the wrong. And I would like all of us to stand strong on  
23 this together. We must work together unifying. Mahalo.

24 (Applause)

25 MS. CHANG: Next, I have Kanoe Davis,

1 Milipuna Davis, Ui Colon and then Tracy Ann Hau.

2 MS. DAVIS: Hello. My name is Kanoe  
3 Aloni Davis. I come from the island of Molokai. Can you  
4 hear me back there? Okay. I will talk a little bit loud to  
5 answer your questions.

6 First and foremost, my answers are no to all of  
7 your questions. I want to -- I am kind of nervous -- I have  
8 to write my little notes. But for me the biggest thing is,  
9 we need to have clarity, we need to have truth in order for  
10 us to make the right decisions for ourselves and our future.  
11 Without that, everything is still muddy. I think having  
12 these questions asked to us is also having us understand  
13 that we're settling for crumbs when we actually own the  
14 whole cookie.

15 So, you know, my thing is, is how do we establish  
16 government to government when in fact we are our own nation.  
17 Should be nation to nation, and we're not even there yet.  
18 And that is confusing, that there needs to be that clarity,  
19 there needs to be that honesty. There's so much confusion  
20 and haziness that's instilled in us which is passed down  
21 from generation to generation that we can't even decipher  
22 what is right and what is wrong. That is our problem  
23 because there is no clarity. And this next generation,  
24 they're growing up to understand, to push away the muddy  
25 waters and to clear it out for all of us.

1           The generation before us didn't have that. Our  
2 generation, my generation, we still trying to figure it out.  
3 This generation, they are going to be born into it. We have  
4 to support these guys. They are going the make that  
5 ultimate decision. Like Uncle said earlier, these questions  
6 are irrelevant. They are irrelevant, we own the cookie.  
7 That's our cookie. That's our own. And these guys, we have  
8 got to leave it for them to enjoy. Mahalo.

9           (Applause)

10           MS. DAVIS: She's nervous too, sorry. She  
11 wrote her own little -- is it okay for me to speak for her?

12           MS. CHANG: Yes, of course it is.

13           MS. DAVIS: It is in her writing and --  
14 okay, you want me to read it? That's okay because, you  
15 know, she got to understand -- this generation got to  
16 understand we're here to protect them. Yeah. But it's okay  
17 to talk. And it is takes strengths to be up here. So  
18 you're doing a good job, Baby, okay. This is her testimony.

19

20           (Reading Hawaiian)

21           MS. DAVIS: "This land is for my children,  
22 this is my land, and this land is from my  
23 kapuna. (Speaking Hawaiian) Make it right.

24           (Speaking Hawaiian) Speak the truth. Mahalo,  
25 return the hands to the center. Yeah."

1 Is that right?

2 (Applause)

3 MS. CHANG: With that I have Uli. After  
4 Uli, Tracey Ann Hau and Bridget Maoat. And then after that  
5 I have Brian, Bridget and James and Hanottano.

6 MR. STOCKEN: Aloha, everybody, and  
7 welcome to Molokai. Mahalo for this opportunity to address  
8 my concerns that would affect my family's future.

9 My name is Phillip Uluwihi Stocken. I am 75  
10 percent Hawaiian and 25 percent Chinese. My native roots  
11 date back several generations before the arrival of Captain  
12 Cook. I am currently a postal service employee. I am -- I  
13 live on Hawaiian Homestead Land for the next 99 years. My  
14 concerns are as follows: We do -- there needs to be  
15 established a Federal recognition to recognize us as  
16 Hawaiians. My generations, I have multi-generations in my  
17 family, and I would like to keep my homestead within my  
18 family's confines. Lowering the Department of Hawaiian  
19 Homeland's blood quantum and support the government, support  
20 our government, the Hawaiian nation government, and assist  
21 in all that is Hawaiian. Again, thank you, and mahalo for  
22 this opportunity. Aloha.

23 (Applause)

24 MS. CHANG: Thank you very much. If you  
25 have a written comment, you can leave it with us as well.

1 MS. HAU: Aloha. My name is Tracey Ann  
2 Kapuna Hau. My Ohana comes from the Big Island, but my  
3 family moved here after being raised in Indiana. We moved  
4 here in the 1970's. I graduated from Molokai High School.  
5 My dad worked here. My dad is now back on homestead in  
6 (inaudible) And I have the homestead here in Molokai.  
7 I just had my sixth puna born June 4. I'm about 85 percent  
8 Hawaiian. My kapuna just born, and I'm Hawaiian Korean.  
9 My daughter married Korean. My Puna just born is 85  
10 percent Korean. So I'm saying, what does he have. What  
11 are my -- I have six -- what do they have. What are we  
12 leaving for them?

13 It's been over 100 years since our kingdom was  
14 taken. But, I'm torn because in October 9, 2004, I am born  
15 again Christian. And I believe totally in the Lord, and  
16 that's Jesus Christ. Now, that's the torment for me because  
17 the Hawaiian people had their culture, they had it. But my  
18 grandparents -- my grandma believed in the Lord Jesus  
19 Christ. So, you know, we have to move forward. It's been  
20 many years, and there's the scripture that says when my  
21 people bow their knees, then he will give us everything we  
22 need. And that -- truly I believe that in my heart. And  
23 the word -- the word that we need is unity. We need to come  
24 together as a people, as Hawaiians. And this is not our  
25 land -- let me tell you that -- this is his land. We call

1 it ours but we are temporary here. It's his land. And  
2 until we glorify him and say God, this is your land, Lord,  
3 have your way, move -- let me tell you -- let me tell you,  
4 he'll move and he will bless us as Hawaiians.

5 So, there is to me a confusion. And until we  
6 come together, he won't bless us. So, I stand with that.  
7 And I just say, you know -- Aunty, you know me. I love the  
8 Lord. And I've only been a Christian 10 years. But let me  
9 tell you, he's turned my life around. And God will  
10 seriously -- he will move in our direction if we give him  
11 all of the glory. Amen.

12 MS. CHANG: I know have Byron, then  
13 Bridget, then James Spencer and Hanottano.

14 MR. ESPANOLA: Aloha, I love you guys.  
15 I love you guys. I love you guys. I love you guys. My  
16 brothers, you guys, I see you two guys. I love them dearly.  
17 Wrong country. This is Kingdom of Hawaii. Wrong people,  
18 they are not Native Hawaiian. Wrong place, we should be  
19 (inaudible). You know, it's a lot of wrong things is going  
20 on.

21 I'm glad -- I am a Filipino and I know my  
22 nationality. I bet you there's a lot of Filipinos, they  
23 don't know -- they think they are just a slave and they are  
24 just the workers. But I know I am a National -- I am a  
25 Hawaiian National. I am a Filipino and I'm proud of it.

1 Before I thought, oh, shucks, alien, tight pants,  
2 everything. But God is so good. I stand for independence.  
3 I stand for the continuity of our kingdom, I stand against  
4 the prolonged occupation of a belligerent, terrible, awful  
5 country. Because when we talk about -- a little while  
6 ago -- was like the wounded knee -- you know, was a lot of  
7 stuff. One minute 30 seconds -- if there's a petition, that  
8 my name will be on it, and my family's name will be on it.  
9 Will be the "Kule" petition. We will train my grandson over  
10 there to stand up. So when you guys going to come up again,  
11 going to be the same thing because we know history. There's  
12 a lot of lies, thefts and pillage against the paying tax of  
13 our Kapunas -- 20 seconds, pau -- okay.

14 In closing -- in closing there is educational  
15 sanctions that was put upon our people, there was economic  
16 sanctions put on our people, the sanctions that will unite  
17 us as put upon our foreign enemies have fallen on the  
18 Hawaiians. I don't know how that happened, because we love  
19 them all, but not their sanctions.

20 (Applause)

21 MS. CHANG: I have Bridget. Is Bridget  
22 here? All right.

23 MS. MAOAT: Aloha, Molokai. First of  
24 all, welcome to Molokai, and thank you for coming.

25 And I not going to apologize for all the others

1 that spoke before me if they -- a lot of them was really  
2 mad. And I cannot help but say they're the warriors. And  
3 they just -- they mad. And I do want to say no to all five  
4 questions.

5 And I'm from -- my mother is half Hawaiian, she  
6 was brought up by her Tutu. In her life time she couldn't  
7 speak her language. But they did anyway. The kapuna and  
8 those of that age, they spoke Hawaiian anyway.

9 When the missionaries came, they took away our  
10 Hula, which was part of genealogy. Our names changed. My  
11 great, great, grandfather's name was (inaudible.) Today  
12 he's (inaudible) no, it's not even that. His last name Hana  
13 when we're supposed -- so when we try to track down  
14 genealogy, we cannot even do that because everything all  
15 changed.

16 So, I just -- I aloha everybody because we all  
17 share the same God, our creator. I just feel there's too  
18 much mistrust. And I think the cry for our unity -- not the  
19 state government -- I talking about our people, the people,  
20 the people who eat dirt, the people who work hard, the  
21 people who have to live here and struggle. That's the  
22 people that they still got the manoa. So, I think of unity  
23 for all of us.

24 And I just want to say that in the old testament  
25 Joseph -- God put Joseph in Egypt to get ready for that



1 famine. Well, maybe he placing you there for us now.

2 (Applause)

3 MS. NUEHU: Aloha. My name is Hanottano  
4 Nuehu, also known as her Highness. I am with the Hawaiian  
5 Kingdom government that's on the Iolani Palace grounds  
6 today. I represent Molokai. So, anyway, to let you guys  
7 know, only got two minutes, yeah.

8 So, in 2008, the Hawaiian Kingdom government that  
9 sits on the Iolani Palace was already recognized by the  
10 state legislature. And I have it right here. And the  
11 second thing is that, okay -- and the second thing was in  
12 2011, we were arrested on the Iolani And I again was one  
13 of the 22 that got arrested. We went to court in 2012,  
14 May 21, 2012, our case got dismissed. And it was a case of  
15 State of Hawaii versus Hawaiian Kingdom. So, after the case  
16 got dismissed, we are today still on the Iolani Palace. And  
17 they're trying to get us off there but they couldn't. Still  
18 to this day they cannot get us off.

19 But I'm here today to say, we need your help.  
20 We're already a government. And I am the acting first  
21 associate justice of the Hawaiian Kingdom government. I  
22 have here something that I'm going to serve them under  
23 Federal Rules of 902. That United States is a corporation,  
24 did you guys know that? The State of Hawaii is also a  
25 corporation. You're being handled under the corporate laws.

1 We're a kingdom, you're sovereign. They cannot -- they  
2 actually cannot come over 2600 miles and rule a country.  
3 The law -- the United States laws could not come over to the  
4 Hawaiian Islands, you know what laws you are under today?  
5 You're still with Hawaiian Kingdom laws.

6 The HRS are infringement, okay, they change a lot  
7 of things. Under HRS 1-1 is source of authority. It is our  
8 law. Hawaiian Judicial Precedence and Hawaiian usage.  
9 That's under HRS, and it's found in our civil codes,  
10 Chapter 57, Section 5. Okay? If you guys want to talk to  
11 me later, I will be around. Thank you.

12 Another thing, you know, the (inaudible )petition,  
13 that's who we are standing with, is our ancestors. I have  
14 got part of it. If you guys want to look at it, the answers  
15 are here listed, come see me.

16 (Applause

17 MR. SPENCER: My name is James  
18 Puoa-Spencer, I am from Molokai. I wasn't going to speak  
19 today, I don't like speaking at meetings, but I was waiting  
20 121 years for a meeting. Got to say something.

21 I know you guys came with all these questions.  
22 My answer is no also. But, if you guys feel in your heart  
23 that all these people in here, what they're saying is right,  
24 and you feel like you guys want to do something, you guys in  
25 positions where you guys can do something. I ask that you

1 guys go back to the mainland and send the right people here,  
2 the people that all these questions should be asked to, all  
3 the things that we have problems with and stuff. You guys  
4 send the right people here. And I mean, thank you guys for  
5 you guys time, it is a step; I mean, it has to be in  
6 somewhere. But if you were talking to the wrong people,  
7 then we pretty much wasting our time, yeah.

8 I don't think that -- I mean like Sister saying  
9 about the kids, we've got to begin with kids. What you guys  
10 can do also is start educating them the right way, educate  
11 them about the overthrow, educate them about everything;  
12 about the annexation, about the petitions, you know, even in  
13 the mainland, educate them about it, put it in their school  
14 system about how they acquired Hawaii. And yeah, that's  
15 all, thank you.

16 MS. CHANG: I have Hano Hano. And then  
17 after Hano Hano, I have George Laiwohi, Robert, Sam. And  
18 then after that, the last person I have is Loretta Ritte.  
19 Then there are two people who had signed up before, Daviana  
20 and Walter.

21 MR. HANO: I am not American, I am not  
22 American. All five of your questions is no, okay? And  
23 shame on you guys for perpetuating the illegality. Shame on  
24 you guys for perpetuating the fraud.

25 Esther, I know you. I know Dee Jay. Hey, if you

1 guys so connected to your kapuna, was next to the queen,  
2 you're not going to be remembered as a hero, you're going to  
3 be remembered as a traitor. The Department of Interior, all  
4 you guys right here, get out of here -- we don't need to  
5 talk to you guys, you're the wrong guys. If you think you  
6 are going to come over here, Uncle Jimmy, Uncle Richard,  
7 they treat you guys so nice, yeah. From Queen Liliuokalani,  
8 all the way down they've treated you nice. What reciprocity  
9 we got from you guys? Shit. That's what we got.

10 Hey, we got to talk real. Only got two minutes, I  
11 am not going to get around the bush, right. And you guys,  
12 hey, we participating in something you guys have no  
13 jurisdiction over. So, me, I feel like a traitor too  
14 because I am participating in what Federal government's  
15 action for make us a nation. I shaming my damn self. I am  
16 a Hawaiian subject. You guys sit on Hawaiian lands. You  
17 like your boss, you guys go back tell them, oh, I sorry but  
18 we got Lincolns and we deserve to get more Lincolns, right.

19 I was fortunate enough in 2000 -- and thank you,  
20 Brother, for bringing up a court case that really don't even  
21 mean nothing. The court case you should have brought up was  
22 Lance Farston (phonetic spelling) versus the Hawaiian  
23 Kingdom at the Hague. I was lucky, I was there. Esther,  
24 you wasn't there, America didn't even show up. Didn't even  
25 show up. But I tell you one thing, only nations could walk

1 through the doorway of the World Court. I walked through  
2 100 times.

3           So, all this that we now a nation, I cannot show  
4 you -- we were a nation -- I was there, okay. So all this  
5 bologna, all this -- you guys are crackers. You try to fill  
6 us with fear. You're trying to fill us with fear like we  
7 are going to lose something you gave us. I'm starting to  
8 explain to everybody what you gave us, one piece of a donut,  
9 one piece of a donut, not even one donut. So what you guys  
10 offering us now, one whole donut. We living in the bakery.  
11 Six billion dollars on Paris alone on the airport and on the  
12 harbors.

13           And we grumbling -- oh, we get two million, three  
14 million, that's nothing. Even a little kid can tell you,  
15 oh, two million versus six billion, I will take the  
16 six billion. So, hey, thank you guys so much for coming  
17 over here and doing your best. And I no want to burden you  
18 guys. But I can promise you, it do not burden you as much  
19 as it burdens us. So again, thank you for helping. Go back  
20 and tell them we don't like the Indians, right. And you  
21 guys cannot help us. You are the wrong guys. Thank you.

22           (Applause)

23           MS. CHANG: We now have George Laiwohi,  
24 Robert, Sam and then Loretta.

25           MR. LAIWOHI: Aloha, everybody. My name

1 is George Laiwohi. You guys can hear in the back? Okay,  
2 this is how I got to hold the mike so they can hear. Back  
3 there everybody's hand going up. If you're only talking  
4 right over here, they lose out. I'm sure that everything  
5 you have to say is important.

6 This is a tough subject, you know, because -- and  
7 thank you for coming. You know, you try your best, you guys  
8 getting beat up every single island. But, you know what? I  
9 mean, this is the chance for us guys to speak, yeah.

10 And I want to use Queen Liliuokalani as my example  
11 of how to conduct herself facing all of that, all of the  
12 overthrow and everything. She could have just said, help  
13 me; and guess what, we all be killing all those guys with  
14 the guns, right? What would have happened after that? We  
15 would be at war. And then, rightfully so, they would have  
16 took over the government. But this gives us an opportunity,  
17 because we waited 121 years later to finally be able to say  
18 something.

19 I speak on behalf of my kapuna, my Grandmother  
20 Harriett (inaudible) Spencer, who lives by Coconut Grove, 90  
21 years so far holding to the homestead. I worried about  
22 that, you know. I have homestead too, I worried about that  
23 too. Because you know what, there should never be a blood  
24 quantum, none. Hawaiian is Hawaiian is Hawaiian. You're  
25 not Hawaiian because you're born here, you're Hawaiian

1 because you have the blood. Right now we're not recognized  
2 as Hawaiians -- thank you, 30 seconds -- we are not  
3 recognized as Hawaiians.

4 But my kapuna, she always felt this, God owns  
5 everything. And if he wanted to, one earthquake will solve  
6 this question right off the bat. He owns everything. So,  
7 we really got to remind ourselves that we have got to  
8 conduct ourselves -- we have got to get together though -- I  
9 say aole. I'm open to the opportunity for us guys to talk  
10 together so that we can make sure we're right. Because I  
11 don't want corrupt -- corruption is everywhere -- thank  
12 you -- corruption is everywhere, every race, every place.  
13 So when you get power, then you get corruption. I want us  
14 all to work together. Mahalo.

15 MS. CHANG: Robert. And then after Robert  
16 is Sam, and then Loretta. Sam, are you here?

17 MR. ESPANOLA: Aloha, everyone. My name  
18 is Robert Edwin (inaudible) Espanola. This is my son, Edwin  
19 Espanola. Third generation. And I hear everybody's  
20 testimony and it's practically the same thing. So, we would  
21 like to say as our family, no, aole. Thank you.

22 MS. CHANG: Is Sam here, Sam O'Hara? If  
23 not, Loretta. Sam is coming up.

24 MR. OHARA: Aloha. My name is Sam  
25 Keoloha O'Hara. I am a veteran -- third generation veteran

1 of the United States Army. My grandfather is Charles  
2 Keoloha, a veteran of the first world war. My dad is a  
3 veteran of the second world war, the Korean War and the  
4 Vietnam war. I am a veteran of the Cambodian war. And I am  
5 also a veteran of the return of the (inaudible). The manoa  
6 that I've said to the Department of Interior is really to  
7 you, Mr. Tanaka, Mr. (inaudible ) Mr. Conrad Jones and  
8 Mr. (inaudible) -- especially you. I dedicate this manoa to  
9 the Kapuna of Hawaii. And I see very small, they're not  
10 here anymore. But we started this journey 38 years ago. We  
11 decided on the concept of our constituency. We didn't go to  
12 the (inaudible), we did not go to any of the chiefs. We  
13 decided, and we decided to correct this ourselves. And the  
14 recognized native Hawaiian, that all the world knows who we  
15 are, including the Department of the Secretary.

16 Mr. Secretary, the river of justice may be flowing  
17 to the prairies and the plains of the continent of the  
18 United States, but the river of mauka to makai for the  
19 native Hawaiians, the justice, the free flow of justice,  
20 there is no water. Mr. Secretary, the historic plague of  
21 corruption, abuse by the State of Hawaii. But the main  
22 problem is the confusion of self-determination that has  
23 plagued our community mainly by our born and raised  
24 Hawaiians, they have confused the issue of self-  
25 determination. I take two days to learn and understand what



1 this bullshit about, I have two minutes to explain to you my  
2 manoa.

3 (Applause)

4 MR. ESPANOLA: The last act is Act 195.

5 Of all the things we need, native Hawaiians, is for this  
6 group of state to facilitate anything for us. We have to  
7 work directly with you, of course, we understand that,  
8 because we are native Hawaiians. We are not Indians. We  
9 see how you -- when go chief treat the native Indians, we  
10 see how you did that deal.

11 And the deal that you made for us as the 50th  
12 member of the family of the United States of America, we are  
13 part of that family. And I did not see the (inaudible) or  
14 any of the chiefs come forward. They was all hiding in the  
15 kiawes. And it took (inaudible) to come forward 38 years  
16 ago. And we have been waiting for 38 years at the table,  
17 waiting for anybody that we can talk government to  
18 government, that we can talk self-determination. Not one  
19 chief showed up, not one (inaudible) showed up. Nobody  
20 showed up but the (inaudible) from across the State of  
21 Hawaii. We had met 38 years ago and we decided to move, and  
22 you long-time born and raised as Tanaka (inaudible) we are  
23 all one family. Yes. We are. But our kapuna had decided  
24 long time ago not to eliminate you but to make you part of  
25 our family, and that's what we have been doing all these

1 years. It is emotional. I send my prayers to our brothers  
2 and sisters who are walking in foreign aina, they're laying  
3 down their lives where we can talk government to government.  
4 Our prayers to the family of our nation, and including the  
5 49 other tribes. Thank you.

6 MS. CHANG: After Loretta, Daviana and  
7 Walter, because you signed up, and then we are going to take  
8 questions.

9 MS. RITTE: Wow, hard people to follow.  
10 Aloha. My name is Loretta Ritte, and I'm wearing the red  
11 ribbon so you know my stands. But I would also like to add  
12 to the record the voices of the our kapuna from the year  
13 1897. Their voices come from the print, black and white  
14 print, of the San Francisco column written by Miriam  
15 Michelson, American journalist, who came during the  
16 annexation.

17 And the first man to write was from Molokai and  
18 his name was Hekipi. And he writes, "I honestly assert that  
19 the great majority of the Hawaiians on Molokai are opposed  
20 to annexation. They fear that if they become annexed to the  
21 United States they will lose their lands. The foreigners  
22 will reap all the benefit and the Hawaiians will be placed  
23 in a worse position than they are now."

24 There were also other Hawaiians at this meeting in  
25 Hilo, and these are some of the things they had to say.

1            "This is my feeling, I love my country and I want  
2 to be independent -- now and forever."

3            "This birth place of mine I love as the American  
4 loves his. Would he wish to be annexed to another greater  
5 land?"

6            How dare the United States rob a people of their  
7 independence. The American nation has been unjust. How  
8 could we ever love America. And here are some words for the  
9 voices of us today, and the young generation.

10           James Kauhi has said, "Do not be afraid, be  
11 steadfast in the love for your land and united in thought,  
12 protect forever the annexation of Hawaii. Kolau Campbell  
13 said, "Stand firm, my friends. Love of country means more  
14 to you and to me than anything else. Be brave, be strong,  
15 have courage and be patient. Our time will come."

16           And Emma Nawahi said, "Our hope, our one hope is  
17 in standing firm shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."

18           Aunty Clara from Molokai said, "Hawaiians can  
19 teach the world all about Aloha."

20           George Laiwohi said, "Do your homework." Well,  
21 we've done our homework and we find that there's been some  
22 illegality done. The United States is guilty. We want our  
23 freedom and we want our nation. And we need to unite so we  
24 can all come together and be able to do that. Mahalo.

25           (Applause.)

1 MS. CHANG: I have the last two who have  
2 not spoken is Debra and then Miena.

3 MS. KANAWAHIWALI: Thank you, Aloha. My  
4 name is Debra Kanawahiwali. I come from a generation that  
5 came from Maui. Our great Tutu had brought the family to  
6 Molokai to prepare for homesteading. But not just  
7 homesteading, they repaired all the fish ponds and planted  
8 the taro. That was our clan, that was the (inaudible) clan.  
9 When we have moved from Lanai, came down to (inaudible) was  
10 to prepare the land for the first homesteaders. (inaudible)  
11 I live on (inaudible). Our homestead is from 1924. So  
12 we're 90 years old now. In 10 years, I don't have a  
13 guarantee, but I will, that we are going to have 100 years  
14 slapped back to our lease. And that land is for all my  
15 children. Okay?

16 What I'm told is that we need to subdivide. I  
17 don't feel that need. We have the land, we have the space.  
18 My kids can go on without having to go on the lease like  
19 everybody else and wait for land, we can pass it on.

20 But for those who's on the list, the list needs to  
21 be extinguished. Put the people on the land. Release the  
22 monies, put in infrastructure to farm everything. We  
23 cannot farm our land and we are the closest, we are just as  
24 close to (inaudible) That's water, dirty water that we need  
25 to put on our land. We're always constantly told that we,

1 my husband and I, need to get a pump in order to get  
2 pressure, water to our land. And there is a threat of being  
3 taken over, the place being taken. No, it won't. It won't  
4 be taken away from us because of infrastructure that the  
5 department has not given us anything; and nobody else is,  
6 and nobody else will. But the land is for my children and  
7 my grand and my great, and it will carry on with the same  
8 name, same family. Thank you very much.

9 (Applause)

10 MS. CHANG: The last person who signed up  
11 is Manhattan Ross. And then after that the  
12 other two is Daviana and Walter.

13 MR. ROSS: Aloha. Trying to figure out  
14 what I got to say. Not supposed to be really talking  
15 because I know this is for the people of this island to  
16 decide. But we were born and raised here, and so we have  
17 some kind of input.

18 I read the questions one through five. And I think  
19 question one, no. Question two, no. Question four, no.  
20 Question five, no. But I think the one that really caught  
21 my eye was question three. It says, if so, but what if no  
22 so. Yes. We don't want a so. We don't want the Federal  
23 government, we didn't want the state government. We want a  
24 process to establish drafting of ratifying a native Hawaiian  
25 constitution by an independent facilitating nation.

1           We want an international tribunal for the people  
2 of Hawaii to decide their native Hawaiian government's  
3 constitution. And as long as the -- a lot of words I would  
4 use right here, but I choose not to. Well, let's say one,  
5 the crooks from the Federal and state government continue  
6 try and facilitate and control the process that will never  
7 happen. But up until we have an independent tribunal where  
8 a neutral nation shall come and facilitate the process  
9 between the Hawaiian people, the Hawaiian government, our  
10 (inaudible) and the United States, then we shall truly have  
11 something that is really meaningful to our people.

12           So as long as the Federal government or state  
13 government facilitates the process, it's a false process.  
14 Because we cannot trust anything that's happened over the  
15 last 150 years. But, if there's an independent nation that  
16 will facilitate the process, then maybe we can get  
17 somewhere. Mahalo for your time. Aloha.

18           MS. CHANG: I have two more that signed  
19 up, Wanette Lee and Wendy Espanola.

20           MS. LEE: Aloha. My name is Wanette  
21 (inaudible) Lee, and I am a native Hawaiian, born and raised  
22 here on Molokai. I was born and made a citizen of the  
23 United States but not my choice. I'm (inaudible). I grew  
24 up during the times Hawaiians were shouting aloha aina, and  
25 the movement of returning the rights as people as these

1 islands, and has now evolved till today. The knowledge of  
2 the havoc that the United States has done to us as people of  
3 this land has been brought to light. And one day at a time  
4 as the truth unfolded, the United States government  
5 continues to play their games.

6 My kapuna, who is my Lord and Savior, operates the  
7 glory to him for he knows the truth. My humble plea; my  
8 grandparents, my parents and now me, I stand before you.  
9 The blood and sweat and tears that my kapuna had laid before  
10 me, I see the victory coming to pass. It's enough of your  
11 manipulations, your colonization, that our people has  
12 suffered too long.

13 We are Hawaii. And I declare, as my humble plea  
14 did over 100 years ago, that the actions taken by the United  
15 States was forcibly and illegally done against the Hawaiian  
16 Kingdom. And that I quote our Queen Liliuokalani, "The  
17 United States shall undue the action of its representative  
18 and reinstate me the authority which I claim as the  
19 constitutional sovereign of the Hawaiian Islands." Unquote,  
20 Queen Liliuokalani, 1893.

21 We are proposing that your hard work that you took  
22 preparing is another -- sorry to say -- a slap in the face,  
23 like the apology bill that was also presented some years  
24 back. None of your proposals give us, the people of Hawaii,  
25 the rightful ownership and power to our lands. We will

1 still be under the direction of some other government or  
2 entity. From 100 years-plus has kept us in bondage. Please  
3 take it a step back, and allow the people of this land to  
4 manao what has been made since 1893.

5 I say no to all five proposals that you put  
6 before the people of Hawaii, and yes to the (inaudible) to  
7 govern what was never yours in the first place. Aloha. We  
8 welcome you on our island and now it's time for you to  
9 return home.

10 (Applause)

11 MS. CHANG: The last person is Wendy  
12 Espanola.

13 MS. ESPANOLA: Aloha. My name is Wendy  
14 Espanola. I am going to turn in a written testimony as  
15 well. So I know that I have been following the paths of the  
16 meetings and, you know, said all the facts. I say no to  
17 every single question that you asked. But I just want to  
18 take my time to quote from what I found.

19 Mrs. Kuaihelani Campbell, the president of the  
20 Women's Hawaiian Patriotic league; this journal is from an  
21 article in San Francisco newspaper back in 1897. And it was  
22 her place that she went to Hilo, she went to a meeting where  
23 they held a meeting where all the Hawaiians came out. And  
24 Mrs. Emma Nawahi was there also.

25 And I want to read from that where she says --



1 Emma says, "We Hawaiians have no power unless we stand  
2 together. The United States is just the land of liberty.  
3 The people there are the friends, the great friends of the  
4 weak. Let us tell them -- let us show them that as they  
5 love their country and would suffer much before giving it  
6 up, so do we love our country, our Hawaii, and pray that  
7 they do not take it from us. Our one hope is in standing  
8 firm shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart. The voice of the  
9 people is a voice of God. Surely that great country across  
10 the ocean must hear our cry. By uniting our voices, the  
11 sound will be carried on so they must hear us."

12           And this is talking about the "Kue" petition.  
13 Mrs. Campbell also says, "Stand firm, my friends. Love of  
14 country means more to you and to me than anything else. Be  
15 brave, be strong, have courage and patience. Our time will  
16 come." And she says, "Sign this petition, those of you who  
17 love Hawaii. How many, how many will sign?"

18           And she goes on to say -- anyway -- there's many  
19 quotes. And the people are crying out, the same thing  
20 that's being heard today. I want the American government to  
21 do justice. America helped to dethrone Queen Liliuokalani.  
22 Let them see their injustice and restore the monarchy.  
23 "Tell America I don't want annexation, I want my queen."

24           "I am Kauhi of Kalaoa, we call it Middle Hilo.  
25 There's 300 members, members there were opposed to the

1 annexation. They're talking about never. No annexation at  
2 all."

3           So -- and the same thing, this one person from  
4 Molokai, Hekipi, a delegate from Molokai to the league  
5 writes, "I honestly assert that the great majority of  
6 Hawaiians on Molokai are opposed to annexation. They fear  
7 that if they become annexed to the United States they will  
8 lose their lands. The foreigners will reap all the benefits  
9 and the Hawaiians will be placed in a worse position than  
10 they are today."

11           So it's echoing the thoughts of today. And, you  
12 know, we're illegally occupied. It is a prolonged  
13 occupation, we have been Americanized, and we need to change  
14 that because it started from deceit and lies from the very  
15 beginning. And that's not working. So we need to become  
16 one nation, a nation to nation. Thank you.

17           (Applause)

18           MS. CHANG: We wanted to make sure --  
19 yesterday when we were on Lanai, the questions went really  
20 well. So I do have two people -- I am going to ask Davie  
21 and Walter if you wanted to say something because you had  
22 signed up. And after that we want to go into questions and  
23 answers. Okay, so Davey.

24           MS. MCGREGOR: Aloha, I am Daviano  
25 (inaudible) MacGregor. I live in (inaudible) as well as

1 (inaudible.) (Speaking Hawaiian) Are the natives,  
2 indigenous aboriginal people of the island of Hawaii, and we  
3 have the right to be formally recognized by the U.S. Federal  
4 Government as an indigenous people just as all other  
5 indigenous peoples are in their states. I say yes to  
6 question one, with Federal assistance, and relying on the  
7 (inaudible) process. Because I believe that a recognized  
8 Hawaiian government can more effectively protect our lands  
9 and our resources than a state recognized Office of Hawaiian  
10 Affairs. And that a recognized Hawaiian government can also  
11 use its resources to support the overall decolonization of  
12 Hawaii more effectively.

13           Second, I support the decolonization of the multi-  
14 ethnic nation of Hawaii. And in recognition of the out-  
15 pouring of concern everyone has so far expressed for Hawaii  
16 as an independent nation, can the Department of Interior  
17 issue a statement that will assure the native Hawaiian  
18 community that the Federal process being contemplated is  
19 separate and distinct from the international process for the  
20 decolonization of Hawaii. And in setting up that door for  
21 Federal recognition, can you assure us that having that  
22 recognition will in no way interfere, derail or block the  
23 questions for the independence of that multi-ethnic nation of  
24 Hawaii. This is very important. As a member of the Protect  
25 Kaho'olawe Ohana, we support all pathways to

1 self-determination, both international recognition of Hawaii  
2 as an independent nation and Federal recognition of Hawaii  
3 and our native Hawaiian people, Federal recognition of our  
4 native Hawaiian people and nation. Kaho'olawe stands ready  
5 to be recognized by the U.S. government and the State of  
6 Hawaii -- I'm sorry to be -- is waiting to be governed by a  
7 sovereign entity that is recognized by both the Federal  
8 government and the state government. And so we are very  
9 anxious to support Federal recognition so that Kaho'olawe  
10 can come home to the native Hawaiian people. Mahalo.

11 BY MS. CHANG: Walter?

12 MR. RITTE: Aloha. I want to say aloha  
13 to the panel here. Mahalo. I am going to read this thing  
14 because it is so much confusion going on, if I don't read  
15 it, get mixed up here. So mahalo for your offer of kokua.  
16 Your solution of a government-to-government relations is  
17 both too little and too late. No to all of your questions.

18 It has become painfully obvious from these  
19 hearings that those Hawaiian leaders who have called you  
20 here in hopes of protecting our entitlements and increasing  
21 Federal funding have done so without consulting their  
22 people. This effort started with trying to pass  
23 congressional laws with the backing of some of the most  
24 powerful politicians in the United States, including support  
25 from the president. We are now at the bottom of the barrel,

1 asking for permission to make administrative rule changes.

2 This is the too little.

3 On the late side, Hawaiian community is now in the  
4 middle of a process aimed at the reestablishment of their  
5 kingdom. We are interested in the unification of our  
6 people. We are interested in a process that will unify.  
7 Your last-minute process has not allowed us to organize and  
8 discuss. It is separating us to choose between becoming an  
9 Indian tribe or the road of independence.

10 These hearings represent an honest reaction from  
11 the Hawaiian community. The majority is in no mood to  
12 continue our subservant relationship with the United States.  
13 Hawaiians are calling for unity which will not only protect  
14 our entitlements, but so much more.

15 In closing, I want to again say mahalo for coming  
16 and hitting the beehive and awakening our people. We are  
17 standing up and putting onto the National register the same  
18 love of country as our Kapuna did in the "Kue" petition.  
19 Mahalo.

20 (Applause)

21 MS. CHANG: With that, we are going to go  
22 into questions. I know Aunty Helen, she had a question, but  
23 before we go into questions, because we may get very close  
24 to closing, I wanted to make sure I let you know that a lot  
25 of you -- there are many ways for you to make comments. And

1 so, take a comment form, check the web site. The web site  
2 is www.doi.gov. They will have updates on there. The  
3 comment period is until August 19. And they will take all  
4 of your comments. The secretary will consider both oral and  
5 written comments as well. So please, no decision will be  
6 made.

7 Now, with that, I want to open it up. Are there  
8 any questions? Aunty Helen, she had one. So, do we have  
9 other questions?

10 (Public Comments were concluded.)

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2 STATE OF HAWAII )  
3 ) ss.  
4 CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU )

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6 I, KATHRYN PLIZGA, Notary Public, State of Hawaii,  
7 do hereby certify:

8 That on June 28, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. the Public  
9 Meeting regarding whether the Federal Government should  
10 reestablish a government-to-government relationship with the  
11 Native Hawaiian community was taken down by me in machine  
12 shorthand and was thereafter reduced to typewriting under my  
13 supervision:

14 That the foregoing represents, to the best of my  
15 ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings  
16 had in the foregoing matter.

17 I further certify that I am not an attorney for any  
18 of the parties hereto, nor in any way concerned with the  
19 cause.

20 This 62 page transcript dated June 28, 2014 was  
21 subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
22 July, 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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