



State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee
59th Montana Legislature

PO BOX 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706
(406) 444-3064
FAX (406) 444-3036

SENATE MEMBERS
JERRY O'NEIL
GERALD PEASE
FRANK SMITH
DONALD STEINBEISSER

HOUSE MEMBERS
GORDON HENDRICK-Vice Chair
JONATHAN WINDY BOY-Chair
JOAN ANDERSEN
JOEY JAYNE

COMMITTEE STAFF
CHRIS LOHSE, Lead Staff
EDDYE MCCLURE, Staff Attorney
DAWN FIELD, Secretary

AGENDA

23 January 2006

Room 172
State Capitol Building

- 10 AM **Welcome and review of agenda**, Chairman Jonathan Windy Boy
- 10:15 - 10:45 AM **Indian Education for All / GAIN Council**
Reno Charette, Indian Affairs State Coordinator
Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Adviser
Representatives of Montana Office of Public Instruction
ACTION ITEM
- 10:45 - 11:15 AM **Status of Higher Education**
Ellen Swaney, Office of the State Commissioner of Higher Education
- 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **American Indian Student Achievement**
Susan Ockert, Department of Commerce
Christopher Lohse, Office of Research and Policy Analysis
Denise Juneau, Montana Office of Public Instruction
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM **LUNCH** (on your own)
- 1:15 - 2:15 PM **Native Energy Group (NEG)**
Overview of NEG's work, Joseph D'Arrigo, President and CEO
Work with Fort Peck Tribes, Dennis Lambert, Senior VP
Screening Process and Methods, Tony Johnson, Geologist and engineer
Financial strengths, Raj Nanvaan, CFO
- 2:15 - 2:30 PM **GAIN Council / TLC**
Chairman Jay St. Goddard
- 2:30 - 3:00 PM **Gaming in Indian Country**
Kermit Horn, Fort Belknap Tribal Councilman

3:00 - 3:30 PM **Staff review of ongoing studies of economic development**
Susan Ockert, Economist, Department of Commerce
Christopher Lohse, Office of Research and Policy Analysis
TBA, Department of Labor, Research and Policy Division

3:30 - 4:00 PM **Dynamics of state Correctional system**
Bill Slaughter, Department of Corrections
Anna Whiting Sorrell, Governor's Office
Staff updates

4:00 - 4:30 PM **Public Comment**

4:30 - 5:00 PM **Administrative functions**
State-Tribal tax agreements, Anna Whiting Sorrell,
Governor's Budget Office
Status of Senator O'Neil's request
Cooperative research agreements with tribal colleges
Letter to Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board
Staff outline of work plan for remainder of interim
ACTION ITEM
Approval of spring plans for second reservation visit
ACTION ITEM