



State-Tribal Relations Committee
66th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

November 12, 2019
Montana Board of Oil and Gas
Billings, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. JEN GROSS
SEN. DAN SALOMON
SEN. JASON SMALL
SEN. FRANK SMITH

REP. JADE BAHR
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

REP. ALAN DOANE
REP. DALE MORTENSEN

STAFF PRESENT

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VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

RECONVENE

08:14:55 Sen. Small reconvened the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER NOT CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA AND THAT IS WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION OF THE STRC

None

TRIBAL UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODES AND BARRIERS TO LENDING ON RESERVATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

08:16:32 Casey Lozar, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
08:28:28 Rep. Peppers joined the meeting at 8:28 a.m.
08:38:47 Shawn Real Bird, Chairman, State Tribal Economic Development Commission
08:50:10 Leonard Smith, Executive Director, Native American Development Corporation ([Exhibit 1](#))

Public comment

None

Questions/discussion

09:09:43 Rep. Peppers asked the panel to comment on lending from private banks and how tribes can handle issues at the bank manager level.
09:15:46 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked the panel if the issue of red-lining will be studied.
09:22:30 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked the panel to comment on title rights and how tribes and individuals can reclaim their land titles.
09:31:53 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked the panel to comment on commercial development in Indian Country.
09:40:50 Rep. Stewart Peregoy commented on federal land policy.
09:42:11 Sen. Smith asked the panel to comment on non-Indian individuals with businesses on tribal trust land who are unable to attain loans and if there is a faster way to attain a loan.

- 09:48:25 Sen. Small asked Mr. Real Bird to clarify his recommendation regarding adding reservation-based entities to the Secretary of State lean filing system.
- 09:51:36 Rep. Bahr commented on tribal lands being used as collateral.
- 09:54:40 Rep. Bahr asked for further information on cases regarding tribal trust lands used as collateral for leans.
- 09:56:38 Sen. Smith commented on the tribal trust land lean process.

FINAL ADOPTION OF WORK PLAN AND REVIEW FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Review of work plan

- 09:58:19 Ms. Stockwell ([Exhibit 2](#))

Discussion

- 09:59:52 Committee discussion on the 20-day timeline for ICWA show cause hearings.
- 10:06:10 Committee discussion on tribal treaty rights.
- 10:09:00 Committee discussion on American Indian voting.
- 10:11:29 Committee discussion on UCC codes (see Exhibit 1).
- 10:21:54 Committee discussion on runaway youth.
- 10:22:43 Ms. Stockwell summarized the discussion and changes to the committee work plan.

Potential meeting dates

- 10:26:22 Sen. Small asked the committee to review potential meeting dates.
- 10:26:55 Ms. Stockwell commented on available meeting dates in February and March.
- 10:28:00 Committee discussion on meeting dates.

DRAFT LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REVIEW

- 10:35:17 Committee discussion on the content of the draft letter regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline ([Exhibit 3](#)).
- 10:39:48 Sen. Small directed staff to make the member recommended changes to the letter and send it to the congressional delegation.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10:40:10 Sen. Small adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.