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MINUTES LOG

September 16, 2019
Conference Call
Room 317, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL

SEN. DAN SALOMON
SEN. JASON SMALL

REP. JADE BAHR
REP. ALAN DOANE
REP. JOE READ
REP. SHARON STEWART PEREGOY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

SEN. JEN GROSS
SEN. FRANK SMITH

REP. DALE MORTENSEN
REP. RAE PEPPERS

STAFF PRESENT

HOPE STOCKWELL, Research Analyst
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AGENDA (Attachment 1)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The STRC agreed to send a letter to the FBI and BIA regarding their participation in the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force.

CALL TO ORDER

14:04:51 Sen. Small called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Opening prayers

14:05:25 Rep. Stewart Peregoy gave the opening prayer.

Roll call

14:06:24 The committee secretary took roll ([Attachment 2](#)).

DRAFT LETTER TO BIA AND FBI

Review

14:07:55 Ms. Stockwell ([Exhibit 1](#))

STRC questions and discussion

14:09:09 Sen. Small asked Ms. Stockwell if the FBI was asked if they had the staff capacity to participate in the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force.
14:11:23 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked for clarification on the intent of the letter.
14:13:29 Rep. Read asked the letter also be sent to the Billings area BIA office and the Portland area BIA office.
14:15:26 Sen. Small commented on the letter content and asked for further discussion.

MOTION

14:15:51 Rep. Doane moved to approve and send the letter as drafted with the addition of the Billings and Portland area BIA offices on the list of those who are copied.

VOTE

14:16:41 The motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote ([Attachment 3](#)). Sen. Gross, Sen. Smith, Rep. Mortensen, and Rep. Peppers were absent.

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

None

OTHER BUSINESS/INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

14:18:39 Ms. Stockwell reminded the committee of the next STRC meeting in Billings and the possible scheduled tours.

14:20:20 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked Ms. Stockwell about speakers being scheduled to talk about treaty issues at the Billings meeting.

14:21:10 Sen. Small commented on the upcoming renewal of the FUTURE Act.

14:21:57 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked when the FUTURE Act is due for renewal and if the committee should send a letter of support.

14:23:03 Ms. Stockwell reminded the committee that if they wished to send a letter of support on the FUTURE Act it would need to be sufficiently noticed to allow time for public comment.

14:24:25 Sen. Small asked the members to meet via conference call on September 27 to allow time for the letter to be drafted, to receive public comment, and to vote on the letter.

14:24:56 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Stockwell clarification on how to direct staff on drafting the letter.

14:26:05 Rep. Doane asked staff to provide information on the FUTURE Act to the members for review before they vote on September 27.

14:27:02 Rep. Stewart Peregoy asked that the presidents of the tribal colleges in Montana be contacted for further information and also sent the final approved letter.

14:28:12 Sen. Small asked staff to send the members an informal packet on the FUTURE Act and a draft of the letter of support for their review before the conference call on the 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

14:29:21 Sen. Small adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

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