



STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

Bob Brown
Mike Fox
Jason Small
Susan Webber

HOUSE MEMBERS

Tony Brockman
Joe Read
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Lola Sheldon-Galloway
Frank Smith
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Casey Pallister - Research Analyst
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MINUTES LOG

April 04, 2024
Fort Peck Agency
Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Jason Small, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Casey Pallister, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney
Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:01:40 Presiding Officer Jason Small called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

REVIEW OF STATE TRIBAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4/3/24

10:02:50 Sen. Susan Webber gave a recap of the previous committee meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF, AND TRIBAL COUNCIL

10:12:01 Rep. Frank Smith
10:12:08 Rep. Joe Read
10:12:23 Sen. Susan Webber
10:12:45 Sen. Mike Fox
10:12:59 Presiding Officer Jason Small
10:13:15 Casey Pallister, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:13:32 Daniel Rosenberg, Legislative Secretary, LSD
10:13:34 Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney, LSD
10:13:44 Jolanda Songer, Legislative Secretary, LSD
10:13:50 Jill Read, Legislative Spouse
10:13:55 Alyssa LaTray, Reporter, Western Native Voice
10:14:01 Terry Boyd, Liaison, Montana Department of Commerce
10:14:19 Terry Rattling Thunder Sr., Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:14:43 Stacey Summers, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:14:58 Carolyn Brugh, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:15:13 Wayne Martell, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:15:46 Marva Chapman, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:15:50 Justin Gray Hawk Sr., Chairman, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:16:08 Benjamin "BJ" Johnson, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:16:18 Lawrence Hamilton, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:16:27 Jestin Dupree, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:16:37 Rita Weeks, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Tribes
10:17:26 Presiding Officer Jason Small

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH TRIBAL COUNCIL

10:17:50 Lawrence Hamilton
10:19:23 Presiding Officer Jason Small
10:21:32 Terry Rattling Thunder Sr.

10:27:09 Stacey Summers
10:31:06 Marva Chapman
10:36:05 Benjamin "BJ" Johnson
10:40:04 Jestin Dupree
10:44:03 Carolyn Brugh
10:51:06 Wayne Martell
10:55:25 Justin Gray Hawk Sr.
11:03:26 Marva Chapman
11:06:13 Terry Rattling Thunder Sr.
11:12:16 Wayne Martell

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:12:34 Sen. Susan Webber
11:20:58 Jestin Dupree
11:22:04 Sen. Susan Webber
11:22:16 Presiding Officer Jason Small
11:26:22 Marva Chapman
11:26:46 Sen. Mike Fox
11:27:57 Marva Chapman

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

11:30:41 Misty Kuhl, Director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:37:43 Benjamin "BJ" Johnson
11:40:44 Misty Kuhl
11:42:07 Benjamin "BJ" Johnson
11:42:30 Misty Kuhl
11:47:46 Marva Chapman
11:49:11 Misty Kuhl
11:50:25 Marva Chapman
11:51:35 Misty Kuhl
11:53:06 Terry Rattling Thunder Sr.
11:59:11 Misty Kuhl
12:01:29 Marva Chapman
12:01:47 Sen. Susan Webber
12:05:36 Terry Rattling Thunder Sr.
12:06:08 Sen. Susan Webber
12:06:34 Rep. Frank Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT on any matter within STRC's jurisdiction

12:09:09 None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:10:02