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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS - 110th CONGRESS

	2007, 1ST SESS.	2008, 2ND SESS.	TOTALS
REFERRED BY THE SENATE			
Senate bills	33	10	43
House bills	10	2	12
Senate resolutions	1	1	2
House resolutions	0	0	0
Senate joint resolutions	1	0	1
House joint resolutions	1	0	1
Senate concurrent resolution	0	0	0
House concurrent resolution	0	0	0
Total Legislation	46	13	59
Executive communications	14	11	25
Petitions	1	3	4
Nominations	7	1	8
Presidential messages	0	0	0
Total Activity	22	15	37
REPORTED TO THE SENATE			
Senate bills	7	12	19
House bills	1	3	4
Senate resolutions	1	0	1
Senate joint resolutions	1	0	1
House joint resolutions	0	1	1
Nominations	7	1	8
Total	17	17	34
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS WHICH HAVE BECOME LAW			
Public	2	6	8
Private	0	0	0
Total	2	6	8
HEARINGS HELD			
Senate bills	4	5	9
House bills	0	2	2
Senate resolutions	0	0	0
House resolutions	0	0	0
Senate joint resolutions	0	0	0
House joint resolutions	0	0	0
Nominations	2	1	3
Oversight investigations	15	15	30
Total	21	23	44

	2007, 1ST SESS.	2008, 2ND SESS.	TOTALS
Meetings			
Hearings	21	21	42
Business sessions	6	5	11
Conference sessions	0	0	0
Executive sessions	0	0	0
Total	27	26	53

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

SENATE BILLS	SENATE BILLS	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS	SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	SENATE RESOLUTION
S. 16	S. 1643	S.J. Res. 4		S. Res. 40
S. 160	S. 1779			S. Res. 719
S. 310	S. 1901			
S. 322	S. 2062			
S. 333	S. 2087			
S. 375	S. 2145			
S. 398	S. 2200			
S. 429	S. 2232			
S. 462	S. 2457			
S. 481	S. 2489			
S. 514	S. 2494			
S. 531	S. 2676			
S. 710	S. 2949			
S. 724	S. 3128			
S. 952	S. 3192			
S. 1058	S. 3194			
S. 1080	S. 3320			
S. 1193	S. 3355			
S. 1200	S. 3381			
S. 1255	S. 3473			
S. 1286	S. 3734			
S. 1347				

HOUSE BILLS, JOINT AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILLS	HOUSE BILLS	HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS	HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
H.R. 65			H.J.RES.62	
H.R. 487				
H.R. 673				
H.R. 835				
H.R. 1294				
H.R. 1696				
H.R. 2120				
H.R. 2786				
H.R. 2963				
H.R. 3739				
H.R. 5680				
H.R. 6685				

REPORTS

SENATE REPORTS	BILL NO.	SENATE REPORTS	BILL NO.	HOUSE REPORTS	BILL NO.
110-126	H.R. 835	2nd Session	2nd Session	110-164	H.R. 65
No written report	S. Res. 40	110-435	H.J. Res. 62	110-50	H.R. 835
110-83	S.J. Res. 4	110-409	H.R. 65	110-295	H.R. 2786
110-43	S. 322	110-503	H.R. 2963	110-484	H.R. 3739
110-44	S. 375	110-504	H.R. 5680	110-276	S. 375
110-45	S. 398	110-505	S. 160	2nd Session	2nd Session
110-46	S. 481	110-260	S. 310	110-611	S. 2457
110-197	S. 1200	110-415	S. 462	110-692	H.R. 5680
110-208	S. 1347	110-462	S. 531		
110-238	S. 2062	110-434	S. 1193		
		110-460	S. 1255		
		110-519	S. 1779		
		110-326	S. 2087		
		110-506	S. 2489		
		110-450	S. 2494		
		110-502	S. 3128		
		110-480	S. 3192		

PUBLIC LAWS

PUBLIC LAWS	BILL NO.	PUBLIC LAWS	BILL NO.
110-370	H.J. Res. 62		
110-411	H.R. 2786		
110-383	H.R. 2963		
110-148	H.R. 3739		
110-78	S. 375		
110-453	S. 1193		
110-228	S. 2457		
110-390	S. 3128		

SENATE BILLS

The final status of legislation acted on by the Committee during the 109th session of the Congress is set forth below. Bills on the Committee roster not acted on and not listed below may be reintroduced in the next session of the Congress.

S.16	Nov. 20, 2008	S. 322	Jan. 17, 2008
Mr. Craig, for himself		Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Inouye, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Thomas	
A bill to provide for certain land to be held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe.		Indian Youth Telemental Health Demonstration Project Act of 2007.	
Nov. 20, 2008—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.		Jan. 17, 2007—Introduced in Senate.	
Nov. 20, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.		Apr. 10, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment. With written report No. 110-43.	
		Apr. 10, 2007—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 108.	
S. 160	Jan. 4, 2007	S. 333	Jan. 18, 2007
Mr. Thune, for himself, and Mr. Johnson		Ms. Dole, for herself, Mr. Burr, Mr. Inouye, and Ms. Mikulski.	
Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act		Lumbee Recognition Act.	
Jan. 4, 2007—Introduced in Senate.		Jan. 18, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.	
Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-505.			
Sept. 25, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1089.			
S. 310	Jan. 17, 2007	S. 375	Jan. 24, 2007
Mr. Akaka, for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Inouye, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stevens		Mr. Smith, for himself, and Mr. Wyden	
Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007		A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.	
Jan. 17, 2007—Introduced in Senate		Jan. 24, 2007—Introduced in Senate.	
Feb. 5, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-260.		Apr. 10, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-44.	
Feb. 5, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 567.		May 22, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.	
		July 30, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-276.	
		July 30, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.	
		July 30, 2007—Cleared for White House.	
		Aug. 3, 2007—Presented to President.	
		Aug. 13, 2007—Signed by President.	
		Aug. 13, 2007—Became Public Law No: 110-78.	

SENATE BILLS

S. 398 **Jan. 25, 2007**

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Thomas

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2007.

Jan. 25, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Apr. 10, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110–45.

May 25, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

June 25, 2007—Referred to House subcommittee: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

S. 429 **Jan. 30, 2007**

Mr. Inouye, for himself, and Mr. Akaka

Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization Act of 2007.

Jan. 30, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

Jan. 30, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 462 **Jan. 31, 2007**

Mr. Reid, for himself, Mr. Craig, Mr. Crapo, and Mr. Ensign

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act.

Jan. 31, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

July 10, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110–415.

July 10, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 872.

S. 481 **Feb. 1, 2007**

Mr. Conrad, for himself, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kohl, Mr. McCain, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Thune

Tribal Colleges and Universities Faculty Loan Forgiveness Act.

Feb. 1, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Apr. 10, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110–46.

Apr. 10, 2007—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 111.

S. 514 **Feb. 7, 2007**

Mr. Nelson, for himself, and Mr. Martinez

Muscogee Nation of Florida Federal Recognition Act.

Feb. 7, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 531 **February 8, 2007**

Mr. McCain, for himself

A bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the ‘‘Bennett Freeze’’.

Feb. 8, 2007—Introduced in Senate

Sept. 15, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110–462.

Sept. 18, 2008 Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 22, 2008 Referred to House committee: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 710 **February 28, 2007**

Mr. Inouye, for himself, and Mr. Akaka

Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007.

Feb. 28, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

Feb. 28, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 724 **March 1, 2007**

Mr. Tester, for himself, and Mr. Baucus

Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2007

Mar. 1, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

SENATE BILLS

S. 952

March 21, 2007

Mr. McCain, for himself

A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes.

Mar. 21, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

Mar. 21, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

July 31, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S. 1058

March 29, 2007

Mr. Levin, for himself, and Ms. Stabenow

Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan Referral Act.

Mar. 29, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

Mar. 29, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearing held.

S. 1080

April 10, 2007

Mr. Baucus, for himself, and Mr. Tester

Crow Tribe Land Restoration Act.

Apr. 10, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

May 15, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-469.

June 19, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S. 1193

April 24, 2007

Mr. Domenici, for himself, and Mr. Bingaman

Albuquerque Indian School Act

Apr. 24, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

July 31, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-434.

Sept. 22, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 29, 2008—Committee on Natural Resources discharged.

Sept. 29, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Nov. 19, 2008—Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendments by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 19, 2008—Cleared for White House.

Nov. 21, 2008—Presented to President.

Dec. 2, 2008—Signed by President.

Dec. 2, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110-453

S. 1200

April 24, 2007

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bingaman, Ms. Boxer, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Clinton, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Durbin, Ms. Feinstein, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerry, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Levin, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Murray, Mr. E. Benjamin Nelson, Mr. Obama, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Smith, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Whitehouse

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2008.

Apr. 24, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Oct. 16, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-197.

Feb. 26, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 83-10. Record Vote Number: 32.

Feb. 28, 2008—Referred to House committee: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SENATE BILLS

S. 1255

May 1, 2007

Mr. McCain, for himself, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Kyl, and Mr. Thomas

Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2008.

May 1, 2007—Introduced in Senate

Sept. 15, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 110-460.

Sept. 23, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 24, 2008—Referred to House committee: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1286

May 3, 2007

Mr. Smith, for himself, and Mr. Wyden

A bill to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.

May 3, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 1347

May 9, 2007

Ms. Feinstein, for herself

A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land.

May 9, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Oct. 26, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-208.

Nov. 5, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 6, 2007—Referred to House committee: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 1643

June 18, 2007

Mr. Domenici, for himself

Reclamation Water Settlements Fund Act of 2007.

June 18, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

June 18, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 1779

July 12, 2007

Mr. Tester, for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Dorgan, and Mr. Johnson

Tribal Health Promotion and Tribal Colleges and Universities Advancement Act of 2008.

July 12, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Oct. 1, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-519.

Oct. 1, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1110.

S. 1901

July 30, 2007

Mr. Thune, for himself, and Mr. Johnson

Lake Traverse Reservation Heirship Act of 2007.

July 30, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 2062

September 18, 2007

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Bingaman, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Reid, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Tester

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.

Sept. 18, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Dec. 7, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 110-238.

Feb. 8, 2008—Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988.

May 22, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.

July 16, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, S. 2062 is considered passed House as amended.

July 17, 2008—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2087

September 25, 2007

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Kyl, and Mr. McCain

Native American Omnibus Technical Corrections Act of 2007.

Sept. 25, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Apr. 16, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-326.

Apr. 16, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 700.

SENATE BILLS

S. 2145 **October 4, 2007**

Mr. Smith, for himself, Mr. Dorgan, and Mr. Johnson
 American Indian Veteran Health Care Improvement Act.
 Oct. 4, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.
 Oct. 4, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
 Oct. 15, 2007—Star Print ordered on the bill.

S. 2200 **October 18, 2007**

Mr. Conrad, for himself, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Tester
 Tribal Water Resources Innovative Financing Act.
 Oct. 18, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.
 Oct. 18, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 2232 **October 25, 2007**

Mr. Stevens, for himself, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Inouye, and Ms. Murkowski
 Foreign Aid Lessons for Domestic Economic Assistance Act of 2007.
 Oct. 25, 2007—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.
 Oct. 25, 2007—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
 Feb. 27, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-368.

S. 2457 **December 12, 2007**

Mr. Lieberman, for himself, and Mr. Dodd
 A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.
 Dec. 12, 2007—Introduced in Senate.
 Feb. 5, 2008—Senate Committee on Indian Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
 Feb. 5, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
 Apr. 29, 2008—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-611.
 Apr. 29, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
 Apr. 29, 2008—Cleared for White House.
 May 1, 2008—Presented to President.
 May 8, 2008—Signed by President.
 May 8, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110-228

S. 2489 **December 14, 2007**

Mr. Johnson, for himself, and Mr. Thune
 Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act.
 Dec. 14, 2007—Introduced in Senate.
 Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-506.
 Sept. 25, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1090.

S. 2494 **December 17, 2007**

Ms. Cantwell, for herself, Mr. Inouye, and Ms. Murray
 Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act.
 Dec. 17, 2007—Introduced in Senate.
 Sept. 9, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110-450.
 Sept. 9, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 948.

S. 2676 **February 28, 2008**

Mr. Vitter, for himself
 Common Sense Indian Gambling Reform Act of 2008
 Feb. 28, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 2949 **April 30, 2008**

Mr. Smith, for himself
 Mark O. Hatfield Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Act of 2008.
 Apr. 30, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SENATE BILLS

S. 3128

June 12, 2008

Mr. Kyl, for himself

White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act.

June 12, 2008—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 24, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110–502.

Sept. 25, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 29, 2008—Committee on Natural Resources discharged.

Sept. 29, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Sept. 29, 2008—Cleared for White House.

Oct. 2, 2008—Presented to President.

Oct. 10, 2008—Signed by President.

Oct. 10, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110–390

S. 3192

June 25, 2008

Mr. Wyden, for himself, and Mr. Smith

A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians of Oregon, the Coquille Tribe of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation, Oregon, to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land, and to authorize the Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Morongo Reservation, California, to obtain 50-year lease authority for trust land.

June 25, 2008—Introduced in Senate.

Sept. 22, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 110–480.

Sept. 26, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 27, 2008—Referred to House committee: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3194

June 25, 2008

Mr. Smith, for himself, and Mr. Wyden

Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act of 2008.

June 25, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 23, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S. 3320

July 23, 2008

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Biden, Mr. Bingaman, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Domenici, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Lieberman, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tester, and Mr. Thune

Tribal Law and Order Act of 2008.

July 23, 2008—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

July 23, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 18, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 3355

July 29, 2008

Mr. Tester, for himself, and Mr. Baucus

Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2008.

July 29, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 11, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S. 3381

July 31, 2008

Mr. Domenici, for himself, and Mr. Bingaman

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos.

July 31, 2008—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

July 31, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sept. 11, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 23, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S. 3473

September 11, 2008

Mr. Kyl, for himself

White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2008.

Sept. 11, 2008—Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.

Sept. 11, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 3734

December 11, 2008

Mr. Ensign, for himself, and Mr. Reid

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act.

Dec. 11, 2008—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J. RES. 4

March 1, 2007

Mr. Brownback, for himself, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Baucus, Ms. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Inouye, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Lieberman, and Mr. Tester

A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

Mar. 1, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

June 18, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment and with a preamble. With written report No. 110–83.

June 18, 2007—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 202.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

S. RES. 40

Jan. 25, 2007

Mr. Dorgan, for himself

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Jan. 25, 2007—Introduced in Senate.

Jan. 25, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Dorgan. Without written report.

Jan. 25, 2007 Referred to Senate committee: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. RES. 719

November 20, 2008

Mr. Dorgan, for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Bingaman, Ms. Boxer, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Clinton, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Feingold, Ms. Feinstein, Mr. Johnson, Mr. McCain, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Tester, Mr. Thune, and Mr. Wyden

A resolution recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States.

Nov. 20, 2008—Introduced in Senate.

Dec. 9, 2008—Senate Committee on Indian Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 9, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 65

Jan. 4, 2007

Mr. McIntyre, for himself; Cosponsors: 215

Lumbee Recognition Act.

Jan. 4, 2007—Introduced in House.

May 22, 2007 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–164.

June 7, 2007 Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 256–128 (Roll No. 447).

July 8, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110–409.

July 8, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 865.

H.R. 487

Jan. 16, 2007

Ms. Herseth, for herself

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007.

Jan. 16, 2007—Introduced in House.

May 7, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–128.

May 7, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

May 8, 2007—Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 673

Jan. 24, 2007

Mr. Grijalva, for himself

Cocopah Lands Act.

Jan. 24, 2007—Introduced in House.

July 30, 2007—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–271.

July 30, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Aug. 3, 2007—Referred to Senate committee: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 835

February 6, 2007

Mr. Abercrombie, for himself; Mr. Frank, Ms. Hirono, and Ms. Waters

Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007.

Feb. 6, 2007—Introduced in House.

Mar. 15, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 110–50.

Mar. 21, 2007—Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 262–162 (Roll No. 173).

Mar. 28, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 272–150, 1 Present (Roll No. 205).

July 9, 2007—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan without amendment. With written report No. 110–126.

Sept. 26, 2007—Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Reported by Senator Dodd without amendment. Without written report.

Sept. 26, 2007—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 388.

H.R. 1294

March 1, 2007

Mr. Moran, for himself; Mr. Abercrombie, Ms. Davis, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Pallone, Jr., Mr. Rahall, Mr. Renzi, and Mr. Scott

Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007.

Mar. 1, 2007—Introduced in House.

May 7, 2007—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–124.

May 8, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by voice vote.

Sept. 25, 2008—Senate committee/subcommittee actions: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 1696

March 26, 2007

Mr. Reyes, for himself

To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe.

Mar. 26, 2007—Introduced in House.

July 30, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–272.

July 30, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Aug. 3, 2007—Referred to Senate committee: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2120

May 2, 2007

Mr. Stupak, for himself

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe.

May 2, 2007—Introduced in House.

July 30, 2007—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–273.

July 30, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

May 15, 2008—Senate committee/subcommittee actions: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

H.R. 2786

June 20, 2007

Mr. Kildee, for himself, Mr. Boren, Mr. Cole, Mr. Frank, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Renzi, and Ms. Waters

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008.

June 20, 2007—Introduced in House.

Aug. 3, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 110–295.

Sept. 6, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 333–75 (Roll No. 859).

Sept. 25, 2008—Senate Committee on Indian Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 25, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 27, 2008—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 27, 2008—Cleared for White House.

Oct. 3, 2008—Presented to President.

Oct. 14, 2008—Signed by President.

Oct. 14, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110–411

H.R. 2963

July 10, 2007

Mr. Issa, for himself; and Mr. Joe Baca

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2007.

July 10, 2007—Introduced in House.

July 30, 2007—Committee on Natural Resources discharged.

July 30, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 110–503.

Sept. 26, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 29, 2008—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.

Sept. 29, 2008—Cleared for White House.

Oct. 3, 2008—Presented to President.

Oct. 10, 2008—Signed by President.

Oct. 10, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110–383.

H.R. 3739

October 3, 2007

Mr. Grijalva, for himself

To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings.

Oct. 3, 2007—Introduced in House.

Dec. 11, 2007—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–484.

Dec. 11, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

Dec. 14, 2007—Senate Committee on Indian Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 14, 2007—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 14, 2007—Cleared for White House.

Dec. 19, 2007—Presented to President.

Dec. 21, 2007—Signed by President.

Dec. 21, 2007—Became Public Law No: 110–148.

H.R. 5680

April 2, 2008

Mr. Grijalva, for himself

To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

Apr. 2, 2008—Introduced in House.

June 5, 2008—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110–692.

June 18, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 25, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with amendments. With written report No. 110–504.

Sept. 25, 2008—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1082.

H.R. 6685

July 31, 2008

Mr. Lynch, for himself

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans.

July 31, 2008—Introduced in House.

Sept. 22, 2008—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 302–72 (Roll No. 616).

Oct. 2, 2008—Referred to Senate committee: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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H.J. RES.62

November 13, 2007

Mr. Baca, for himself; Mr. Becerra, Ms. Berkley, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Bordallo, Mr. Boren, Ms. Capps, Mr. Cardoza, Ms. Christensen, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cole, Mr. Costa, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cuellar, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Farr, Sam Mr. Filner, Mr. Frank, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Al Green, Mr. Gene Green, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Hare, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Hinojosa, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Honda, Mr. Inslee, Mr. Issa, Ms. Jackson-Lee, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Kind, Mr. Kline, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Rick Larsen, Mr. John Larson, Ms. Lee, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Meek, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moran, Ms. Napolitano, Ms. Norton, Mr. Oberstar, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Pallone, Jr., Mr. Pearce, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Rahall, Mr. Reyes, Mr. Rodriguez, Ciro, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mr. Salazar, Ms. Linda Sanchez, Ms. Loretta Sanchez, Mr. Sarbanes, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Sires, Mr. Smith, Ms. Solis, Mr. Spratt, Ms. Sutton, Mr. Towns, Mr. Udall, Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Watson, and Mr. Wu

Native American Heritage Day Act of 2008.

Nov. 13, 2007—Introduced in House.

Nov. 13, 2007—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.

July 31, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Dorgan with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-435.

Sept. 22, 2008—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 26, 2008—Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.

Sept. 26, 2008—Cleared for White House.

Sept. 30, 2008—Presented to President.

Oct. 8, 2008—Signed by President.

Oct. 8, 2008—Became Public Law No: 110-370.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ACTIONS

February 1, 2007

Confirmation Hearing on the President's nomination of Mr. Carl Joseph Artman, to be Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

February 8, 2007

Oversight Hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, with particular focus on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

February 15, 2007

Oversight Hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for Tribal Programs.

March 8, 2007

Oversight Hearing on the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

March 22, 2007

Oversight Hearing on Indian Housing Issues in Indian Country.

March 29, 2007

Oversight Hearing on Indian trust fund litigation.

April 12, 2007

Oversight Hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

May 17, 2007

Oversight Hearing on law enforcement in Indian Country.

June 21, 2007

Oversight Hearing on law enforcement in Indian Country.

July 12, 2007

Oversight Hearing on transportation issues in Indian Country.

July 26, 2007

Hearing on the nomination of Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service.

August 15, 2007

Field Hearing on Indian health.

September 19, 2007

Oversight Hearing on the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes.

September 27, 2007

Oversight Hearing on the prevalence of violence against Indian women.

October 04, 2007

Oversight Hearing on Backlogs at the Department of the Interior: Land into Trust Applications; Environmental Impact Statements; Probate; Appraisals and Lease Approvals.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ACTIONS

November 1, 2007

Oversight Hearing on the Impact of the Flood Control Act of 1944 on Indian Tribes along the Missouri River.

November 30, 2007

Field Hearing on Health Care for Alaska Native Veterans Returning from Kuwait and Iraq and Other Native Veterans Living in Alaska Native Villages: Access to and Delivery of Services.

2nd Session

February 7, 2008

Hearing on the nomination of Robert G. McSwain, to be Director of the Indian Health Service.

March 6, 2008

Oversight Hearing on the State of Facilities in Indian Country—Jails, Schools, and Health Facilities.

March 17, 2008

Field Hearing on Law and Order in Indian Country.

April 17, 2008

Oversight Hearing of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

April 24, 2008

Oversight Hearing on Recommendations for Improving the Federal Acknowledgment Process.

May 1, 2008

Oversight Hearing on Indian Energy Development—Regaining Self-Determination Over Reservation Resources.

May 13, 2008

Oversight Hearing on “The Success and Shortfall of Self Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act after Twenty Years”.

May 22, 2008

Oversight Hearing to “Follow Up on the status of Backlogs at the Department of the Interior”.

June 5, 2008

Oversight Hearing on “Predatory Lending in Indian Country”.

June 26, 2008

Oversight Hearing on “Access to Contract Health Services in Indian Country”.

July 17, 2008

Oversight Hearing on Tracking Sex Offenders in Indian Country: Tribal Implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.

July 24, 2008

Oversight Hearing on Tribal Courts and the Administration of Justice in Indian Country.

July 31, 2008

Oversight Hearing on Indian Health Service Management: Lost Property, Wasteful Spending and Document Fabrication.

August 4, 2008

Field Oversight Hearing on the Progress and Future of Operation Dakota Peacekeeper

August 28, 2008

Field Oversight Hearing on the Impact of High Energy Costs in Rural Alaska Native Communities and Opportunities for Alternative and Conventional Energy Development

September 18, 2008

Oversight Hearing to examine Federal declinations to prosecute crimes in Indian Country.

HEARINGS

April 26, 2007

Hearing on S. 462, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Water Rights Settlement Act.

May 3, 2007

Hearing on S. 310, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007.

June 28, 2007

Hearing on discussion draft legislation regarding the regulation of class III gaming.

July 19, 2007

Hearing on discussion draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

2nd Session

February 27, 2008

Hearing on S. 2232, the Foreign Aid Lessons for Domestic Economic Assistance Act of 2007.

May 15, 2008

Hearing on S. 1080, H.R. 2120, S. 2494, H.R. 2963 and S. 531.

June 19, 2008

Hearing on a draft bill to address law and order in Indian country.

September 11, 2008

Hearing on S. 3128, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act, which authorizes a loan to construct a community water supply; S. 3355, the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2008, which settles the Tribe's water rights and provides support for economic development; S. 3381, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos.

September 25, 2008

Hearing on S. 724, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2007; S. 514, Muscogee Nation of Florida Federal Recognition Act; S. 1058, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan Referral Act; H.R. 1294, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Jan. 18, 2007

Business Meeting:

- On the Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.
- Approval of the Rules on pending Committee issues.

Jan. 25, 2007

Business Meeting to consider:

- Approval of proposed changes to the rules of the Committee for the 110th Congress.
- Approval of the Funding Resolution of the Committee for the 110th Congress.

February 8, 2007

Business Meeting to consider:

- The Nomination of Carl J. Artman to be Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, U. S. Department of the Interior.

May 10, 2007

Business Meeting to consider:

- S. 1200, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007.
- S. 310, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007.
- H.R. 835, Hawaiian Homeownership Act of 2007.
- S.J. Res. 4, Native American Apology.

July 19, 2007

Business Meeting to consider:

- Approval of the Committee Vice Chairman.
- S. 462, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act.

September 27, 2007

Business Meeting to consider:

- S. 2087, the Native American Omnibus Technical Corrections Act of 2007.
- S. 2062, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.
- S. 1347, a bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land.
- Nominations to be Members of the Board of Trustees, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

2nd Session

April 24, 2008

Business Meeting to consider:

- Nomination of Bob McSwain to be Director of the Indian Health Service.
- H.R. 65, the Lumbee Recognition bill.
- S. 1779, the Tribal Health Promotion and Tribal Colleges and Universities Advancement Act.
- H.J. Res. 62, Native American Heritage Day.
- S. 1193, the Albuquerque Indian School Act.

June 19, 2008

Business Meeting to consider:

- A subpoena to order the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior to release the Tribal Jails Report.
- S. 1255, the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2007.
- S. 531, a bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”.
- S. 1080, the Crow Tribe Land Restoration Act.
- S. 2489, the Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act.
- S. 160, the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act.
- S. 2464, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

July 31, 2008

Business Meeting to consider:

- S. 952, A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes.
- S. 3192, A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land.

September 23, 2008

Business Meeting to consider:

- H.R. 5680, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for others purposes.
- H.R. 2963, To transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.
- S. 3194, A bill to transfer surplus Federal land administered by the Coast Guard in the State of Oregon.
- S. 3128, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project.
- S. 3381, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos.
- S. 3355, A bill to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and for other purposes.

September 25, 2008

Business Meeting to consider:

- S. 3355, A bill to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and for other purposes.

PUBLICATIONS

HEARINGS

- S. Hrg. 110–8—Nomination of Carl J. Artma, February 1, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–19—Diabetes in Indian Country, February 8, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–48—Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, February 15, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–53—Indian Health Care Improvement, March 8, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–65—Housing Issues in Indian Country, March 22, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–71—Indian Trust Fund Litigation, March 29, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–92—Tribal Colleges and Universities, April 12, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–105—S. 462, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Water Rights Settlement Act, April 26, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–106—Law Enforcement in Indian Country, May 17, 2007
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- S. Hrg. 110–189—Process of Federal Recognition of Indian Tribes, September 19, 2007
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- S. Hrg. 110–196—Examining the Prevalence of and Solutions to Stopping Violence Against Indian Women, September 27, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–214—Nomination of Charles W. Grim to be Director of the Indian Health Service, July 26, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–224—Backlogs at the Department of the Interior: Land Into Trust Applications; Environmental Impact Statements; Probate; Appraisals and Lease Approvals, October 4, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–251—Transportation Issues in Indian Country, July 12, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–268—Impact of the Flood Control Act of 1944 on Indian Tribes Along the Missouri River, November 1, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–278—Health Care for Alaska Native Veterans Returning from Kuwait and Iraq and Other Native Veterans Living in Alaska Native Villages, November 30, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–287—S. 310, The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007, May 3, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–297—Discussion Draft Legislation to Amend and Reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, July 19, 2007
- S. Hrg. 110–332—Nomination of Robert G. Mcswain to be Director of the Indian Health Service, February 7, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–368—S. 2232, The Foreign Aid Lessons for Domestic Economic Assistance Act of 2007, February 27, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–393—The State of Facilities in Indian Country: Jails, Schools, and Health Facilities, March 6, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–405—The National Indian Gaming Commission, April 17, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–408—Law and Order in Indian Country, March 17, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–432—Discussion Draft Legislation to Address Law and Order in Indian Country, June 19, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–450—The Success and Shortfall of Self-Governance Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act After Twenty Years, May 13, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–463—Indian Energy Development, May 1, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–468—Recommendations for Improving the Federal Acknowledgement Process, April 24, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–469—S. 1080, H.R. 2120, S. 2494, H.R. 2963, and S. 531, May 15, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–475—The Status of Backlogs at the Department of the Interior, May 22, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–484—Predatory Lending in Indian Country, June 5, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–519—Access to Contract Health Services in Indian Country, June 26, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–557—Tracking Sex Offenders in Indian Country: Trial Implementation of the Adam Walsh Act, July 17, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–576—Tribal Courts and the Administration of Justice in Indian Country, July 24, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–608—Indian Health Service Management: Lost Property, Wasteful Spending, and Document Fabrication, July 31, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–637—The Impact of High Energy Costs in Rural Alaska Native Communities and Opportunities for Alternative and Conventional Energy Development, August 28, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–678—S. 3128, S. 3355, and S. 3381, September 11, 2008
- S. Hrg. 110–683—Examining Federal Declinations to Prosecute Crimes in Indian Country, September 18, 2008

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S. Hrg. 110-686—S. 724, S. 514, S. 1058, and H.R. 1294, September 25, 2008

S. Hrg. 110-691—Progress and Future of Operation Dakota Peacekeeper, August 4, 2008

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, NOMINATIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

EC-870 February 28, 2007

A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "25 CFR Part 61 Preparation of Rolls of Indian" (RIN1076-AE44) received on February 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1126 March 20, 2007

A communication from the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Personnel System Demonstration Projects; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1161 March 22, 2007

A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact and effectiveness of projects funded by the Administration for Native Americans in fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1216 March 28, 2007

A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a draft bill that would amend certain unworkable statutory investment provisions relating to the Department's investment of the Yankton Sioux and the Santee Sioux Tribes' Development Trust Funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1738 May 02, 2007

A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact and effectiveness of Administration for Native Americans Projects during fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1739 May 02, 2007

A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to "provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Nos. 19 and 188, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1955 May 16, 2007

A communication from the Chairman and Commissioners, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill intended to "amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the Act to clarify the scope of the National Indian Gaming Commission's authority and to make such other technical amendments as are required"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2314 June 19, 2007

A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Self-Insurance Plans Under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program" (RIN2577-AC58) received on June 14, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2408 June 28, 2007

A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 1995-2000"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3118 September 10, 2007

A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled, "Native American and Native Hawaiian Housing Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3119 September 10, 2007

A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Housing Block Grant Program-Extension of Annual Performance Report Due Date" (RIN2577-AC74) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3120 September 10, 2007

A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of an acting officer and nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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EC-3628 **October 16, 2007**

A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3833 **November 01, 2007**

A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Program Loan Writedowns" (RIN0560-AG87) received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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EC-5678 **April 07, 2008**

A communication from the Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Energy Resource Agreements under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act" (RIN1076-AE80) received on March 12, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5978 **April 24, 2008**

A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6320 **May 20, 2008**

A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gaming on Trust Lands Acquired After October 17, 1988" (RIN1076-AE81) received on May 20, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7170 **July 17, 2008**

A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law and Order on Indian Reservations/ Courts of Indian Offenses and Law and Order Code" (RIN1076-AE67) received on July 15, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7485 **September 08, 2008**

A communication from the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7641 **September 18, 2008**

A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed plan for use and distribution of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso judgment funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8388 **November 17, 2008**

A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeliving Programs" (RIN1076-AE51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8389 **November 17, 2008**

A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irrigation Operation and Maintenance" (RIN1076-AD44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8492 **November 17, 2008**

A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming" (RIN3141-AA37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8611 **November 17, 2008**

A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Standards for Electronic, Computer, or Other Technologic Aids Used in the Play of Class II Games" (RIN3141-AA29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8733 **November 19, 2008**

A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Trust Management Reform" (RIN1076-AE59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

PETITIONS

POM-109 **June 07, 2007**

A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to use its powers as delegated by the Indian Commerce Clause to acknowledge and protect the public interest of Indian country from competing public interests and regulatory jurisdictions; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

POM-300 **April 08, 2008**

A resolution transmitted by a private citizen relative to the Uintah Treaty; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

POM-390

June 17, 2008

A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona urging Congress to enact legislation to provide adequate school facilities on tribal lands; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

POM-447

September 29, 2008

A letter from a private citizen relative to Native Americans and the healthcare system; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

PN-1167

December 19, 2007

Nominee: Robert G. McSwain, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; vice Charles W. Grim, resigned.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: February 07, 2008—Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held.

PN-580

May 21, 2007

Nominee: Charles W. Grim, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: September 04, 2007—Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

PN-250

February 12, 2007

Nominee: Perry R. Eaton, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; vice A. David Lester, term expired.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs

Latest Action: October 04, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN-249

February 12, 2007

Nominee: Sonya Kelliher-Combs, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; vice Michael A. Naranjo, term expired.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs

Latest Action: October 04, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN-248

February 12, 2007

Nominee: Julie E. Kitka, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; vice Katherine L. Archuleta, term expired.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: October 04, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN-247

February 12, 2007

Nominee: Brenda L Kingery, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; vice John Richard Grimes, resigned.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs

Latest Action: October 04, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN-246

February 12, 2007

Nominee: Kristine Mary Miller, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; vice D. Bambi Kraus, term expired.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs.

Latest Action: October 04, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN-104

January 09, 2007

Nominee: Carl Joseph Artman, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Department of the Interior; vice David Wayne Anderson.

Referred to: Senate Indian Affairs

Latest Action: March 05, 2007—Confirmed by the Senate by Yeayay Vote. 87-1. Record Vote Number: 59.

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S. 481 Tribal Colleges and Universities Faculty Loan Forgiveness Act.

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S. 16 A bill to provide for certain land to be held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe.

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S. 1193 Albuquerque Indian School Act.

S. 1643 Reclamation Water Settlements Fund Act of 2007.

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S. 3320 Tribal Law and Order Act of 2008.

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Mr. Feinstein

S. 1347 A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land.

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Mr. Levin

- S. 1058 Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan Referral Act.

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- S. 2457 A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.

Mr. McCain

- S. 531 A bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93—531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”.
- S. 952 A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes.
- S. 1255 Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2008.

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- S. 514 Muscogee Nation of Florida Federal Recognition Act.

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- S. 462 Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act.

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- S. 1286 A bill to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe.
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Mr. Thune

- S. 160 Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act.
- S. 1901 Lake Traverse Reservation Heirship Act of 2007.

Mr. Vitter

- S. 2676 Common Sense Indian Gambling Reform Act of 2008.

Mr. Wyden

S. 3192 A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians of Oregon, the Coquille Tribe of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation, Oregon, to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land, and to authorize the Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Morongo Reservation, California, to obtain 50-year lease authority for trust land.

JURISDICTION AND RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

S. Res. 4, Sec. 105, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. (1977)

JURISDICTION—110th Congress

The Committee was established as the Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Section 25 of S. Res. 71, 103d Cong., 1st Sess., redesignates it as the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sec. 105(a)(1) There is established a Committee on Indian Affairs (hereafter in this section referred to as the “committee”) which shall consist of [eighteen] Members, [ten] to be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, from among Members of the majority party and [eight] to be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the minority leader, from among the Members of the minority party. The committee shall select a Chairman from among its Members.

(2) A majority of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, except that the committee may fix a lesser number as a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony. The committee shall adopt rules of procedure not inconsistent with this section and the rules of the Senate governing standing committees of the Senate.

(3) Vacancies in the Membership of the committee shall not affect the authority of the remaining Members to execute the functions of the committee.

(4) For purposes of [paragraph 4] of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, service of a Senator as a Member or Chairman of the committee shall not be taken into account.

(b)(1) All proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to Indian affairs shall be referred to the committee.

(2) It shall be the duty of the committee to conduct a study of any and all matters pertaining to problems and opportunities of Indians, including but not limited to, Indian land management and trust responsibilities, Indian education, health, special services, and loan programs, and Indian claims against the United States.

(3) The committee shall from time to time report to the Senate, by bill or otherwise, its recommendations with respect to matters referred to the committee or otherwise within its jurisdiction.

(c)(1) For the purposes of this section, the committee is authorized, in its discretion,

(A) to make investigations into any matter within its jurisdiction,

(B) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate,

(C) to employ personnel,

(D) to hold hearings,

(E) to sit and act at any time or place during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Senate,

(F) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents,

(G) to take depositions and other testimony,

(H) to procure the services of individual consultants or organizations thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, and

(1) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

(2) The Chairman of the committee or any Member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.

(3) Subpoenas authorized by the committee may be issued over the signature of the Chairman, or any Member of the committee designated by the Chairman, and may be served by any person designated by the Chairman or the Member signing the subpoena.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

(Adopted in a Committee Business Meeting, January 25, 2007)

COMMITTEE RULES

Rule 1. The Standing Rules of the Senate, Senate Resolution 4, and the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, to the extent the provisions of such Act are applicable to the Committee on Indian Affairs and supplemented by these rules, are adopted as the rules of the Committee.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Rule 2. The Committee shall meet on Thursdays while the Congress is in session for the purpose of conducting business, unless for the convenience of the Members, the Chairman shall set some other day for a meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman as he may deem necessary.

OPEN HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

Rule 3. Hearings and business meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public except when the Chairman by a majority vote orders a closed hearing or meeting.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Rule 4(a). Public notice, including notice to Members of the Committee, shall be given of the date, place and subject matter of any hearing to be held by the Committee at least one week in advance of such hearing unless the Chairman of the Committee, with the concurrence of the Vice Chairman, determines that the hearing is non-controversial or that special circumstances require expedited procedures and a majority of the Committee Members attending concurs. In no case shall a hearing be conducted with less than 24 hours' notice.

(b). At least 72 hours in advance of a hearing, each witness who is to appear before the Committee shall submit his or her testimony by way of electronic mail, in a format determined by the Committee and sent to an electronic mail address specified by the Committee,

or shall submit an original, printed version of his or her written testimony. In addition, each witness, on the day of the hearing, shall provide an electronic copy of the testimony on a computer disk formatted and suitable for use by the Committee.

(c). Each Member shall be limited to five (5) minutes of questioning of any witness until such time as all Members attending who so desire have had an opportunity to question the witness unless the Committee shall decide otherwise.

(d). The Chairman and Vice Chairman or the ranking Majority and Minority Members present at the hearing may each appoint one Committee staff member to question each witness. Such staff member may question the witness only after all Members present have completed their questioning of the witness or at such time as the Chairman and Vice Chairman or the Ranking Majority and Minority Members present may agree.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Rule 5(a). A legislative measure or subject shall be included in the agenda of the next following business meeting of the Committee if a written request by a Member for consideration of such measure or subject has been filed with the Chairman of the Committee at least one week prior to such meeting. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the authority of the Chairman of the Committee to include legislative measures or subjects on the Committee agenda in the absence of such request.

(b). Notice of, and the agenda for, any business meeting of the Committee shall be provided to each Member and made available to the public at least two days prior to such meeting, and no new items may be added after the agenda published except by the approval of a majority of the Members of the Committee. The notice and agenda of any business meeting may be provided to the Members by electronic mail, provided that a paper copy will be provided to any Member upon request. The Clerk shall promptly notify absent members of any action taken by the Committee on matters not included in the published agenda.

(c). Any bill or resolution to be considered by the Committee shall be filed with the Clerk of the Committee not less than 48 hours in advance of the Committee meeting. Any amendment(s) to legislation to be considered shall be filed with the Clerk not less than 24 hours in advance. This rule may be waived by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Vice Chairman.

QUORUM

Rule 6(a). Except as provided in subsection (b), a majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee. Consistent with Senate rules, a quorum is presumed to be present unless the absence of a quorum is noted by a Member.

(b). One Member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing or taking testimony on any measure before the Committee.

VOTING

Rule 7(a). A recorded vote of the Members shall be taken upon the request of any Member.

(b). A measure may be reported from the Committee unless an objection is made by a member, in which case a recorded vote by the Members shall be required.

(c). Proxy voting shall be permitted on all matters, except that proxies may not be counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum. Unless further limited, a proxy shall be exercised

only for the date for which it is given and upon the terms published in the agenda for that date.

SWORN TESTIMONY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Rule 8. Witnesses in Committee hearings may be required to give testimony under oath whenever the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Committee deems it to be necessary. At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee, and at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath. Every nominee shall submit a financial statement, on forms to be perfected by the Committee, which shall be sworn to by the nominee as to its completeness and accuracy. All such statements shall be made public by the Committee unless the Committee, in executive session, determines that special circumstances require a full or partial exception to this rule. Members of the Committee are urged to make public a complete disclosure of their financial interests on forms to be perfected by the Committee in the manner required in the case of Presidential nominees.

CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY

Rule 9. No confidential testimony taken by, or confidential material presented to the Committee or any report of the proceedings of a closed Committee hearing or business meeting shall be made public in whole or in part, or by way of summary, unless authorized by a majority of the Members of the Committee at a business meeting called for the purpose of making such a determination.

DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

Rule 10. Any person whose name is mentioned or who is specifically identified in, or who believes that testimony or other evidence presented at, an open Committee hearing tends to defame him or her or otherwise adversely affect his or her reputation may file with the Committee for its consideration and action a sworn statement of facts relevant to such testimony of evidence.

BROADCASTING OR HEARINGS OR MEETINGS

Rule 11. Any meeting or hearing by the Committee which is open to the public may be covered in whole or in part by television, radio broadcast, or still photography. Photographers and reporters using mechanical recording, filming, or broadcasting devices shall position their equipment so as not to interfere with the sight, vision, and hearing of Members and staff on the dais or with the orderly process of the meeting or hearing.

AUTHORIZING SUBPOENAS

Rule 12. The Chairman may, with the agreement of the Vice Chairman, or the Committee may, by majority vote, authorize the issuance of subpoenas.

AMENDING THE RULES

Rule 13. These rules may be amended only by a vote of a majority of all the Members of the Committee in a business meeting of the Committee: Provided, that no vote may be taken on any proposed amendment unless such amendment is reproduced in full in the Committee agenda for such meeting at least seven (7) days in advance of such meeting.