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MINUTES LOG

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State Capitol, Room 102
Helena, MT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, Chair
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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, Attachment #1.
Visitors' list, Attachment #2.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The State Tribal Relations Committee:

- agreed unanimously to proceed forward with LC0001 as a committee bill.
- agreed by roll call vote to pass LC0002. Motion passed 4-2. (Attachment #5)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:00 SEN. WINDY BOY called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m. The secretary took roll call. Attachment #3

00:00:59 **Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Research Analyst, Legislative Services,** informed the committee of the upcoming Montana Broadband Tribal Summit in Helena and provided a handout containing relevant information about the event (**EXHIBIT 1**). He also provided the committee with a staff evaluation form.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - WORK IN INDIAN COUNTRY

00:02:50 **Mr. Jason Smith, Acting Coordinator, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs,** provided the committee with an update on the 2014 Governor's Office of Indian Affairs report, stating that it would be posted online soon, and provided the committee with a paper version of the document (**EXHIBIT 2**).

00:15:27 **Loren White, Native American Development Corporation,** gave a brief overview of the history and current progress of the Montana Financial Inclusion Policy Initiative and provided a handout relating to the initiative (**EXHIBIT 3**).

Committee Comments and Questions

00:21:33 REP. SCHWADERER

00:22:12 Mr. Smith

00:26:22 REP. CALF BOSS RIBS

00:27:18 SEN. WINDY BOY

LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM - FINAL REPORTS

00:28:22 Mr. Barrs referenced a document titled "STR Staff Notes on Fourth Quarter Reports for Indian Language Preservation Projects" that was provided in the committee folders, and gave an overview of the progress the project has had over the interim (**EXHIBIT 4**).

00:39:57 **Mr. Casey Lozar, Director, State-Tribal Economic Development Commission, Department of Commerce,** gave an update on the Montana Indian Language Preservation Pilot Program, in regard to the current progress and projected future progress of the program.

Committee Comments and Questions

00:57:23 SEN. WINDY BOY and Mr. Lozar spoke about prison cultural awareness and the language program.

01:04:25 REP. SCHWADERER asked about interactive webpages.

01:05:14 Mr. Lozar

01:05:34 REP. SCHWADERER asked Mr. Barrs about any prison's interests in the deliverables provided by the program.
01:06:09 Mr. Barrs
01:07:02 Mr. Lozar
01:07:50 Mr. Barrs
01:08:26 Mr. Lozar
01:09:02 REP. DOANE

LC-0001: A BILL REMOVING THE TERM "HALF-BREED" AND "BREED" FROM SIGNAGE AND GEOLOGICAL FEATURES

01:10:40 Mr. Barrs provided an overview of the LC0001 material (**EXHIBIT 5**).
01:14:21 REP. SCHWADERER expressed appreciation to the parties involved in the collaborations and work that took place in order to draft this bill, provided a brief history of how the bill came to be, and gave a brief overview of material as well.

Public Comment

01:18:59 **Mr. Nickolas Vrooman, Little Shell Tribe**
Commented about his experience assisting in bringing this bill forward and about the history of the issue. He also provided the committee with a handout identifying geographic place-names in Montana using the words "Half-breed" and "breed" (**EXHIBIT 6**).

01:24:57 **Gerald Daumiller, State Library, Geographic Name Specialist**
Commented about his experiences with previous name changes to geographic places and the problems with proposed names. He commented about his concerns with a lack of language describing protocol for choosing between federally recognized names and proposed names from the advisory council.

Committee Action on LC0001

01:27:49 REP. DOANE moved to recommend LC0001 as a committee bill.
01:28:31 REP. SCHWADERER requested changes to LC0001.
01:29:17 Mr. Barrs
01:30:07 REP. SCHWADERER moved to insert language mentioned by Mr. Barrs. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
01:30:45 SEN. WINDY BOY called a voice vote on the motion made by REP. DOANE. Motion passed unanimously.

LC-0348: A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES TO TRIBES

01:31:57 Mr. Barrs provided an overview of the LC0348 material (**EXHIBIT 7**).

Committee Comments and Questions

01:35:10 SEN. PETERSON asked about the financial details of the bill.
01:35:27 Mr. Barrs
01:36:22 SEN. PETERSON and SEN. WINDY BOY spoke about relations between the tribes and the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Action on LC0348

01:41:17 SEN. WINDY BOY
01:41:42 REP. CALF BOSS RIBS moved to recommend LC0348 as a committee bill.
01:42:08 REP. DOANE
01:42:31 SEN. PETERSON
01:43:06 SEN. WINDY BOY called for a roll call vote on the motion. Motion failed 3-3.
(Attachment #4)

LC-0002: A RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF CONFEDERATED SALISH KOOTENAI TRIBES WATER COMPACT PROCESS

01:45:15 Mr. Barrs provided an overview of the bill material (**EXHIBIT 8**).

Committee Action on LC0002

01:46:56 SEN. PETERSON moved do pass of LC0002.
01:51:28 REP. SCHWADERER

Public Comment

01:51:56 **E.J. Redding, Montana Water Users Association**
Commented about the importance of having a CSKT compact in Montana, but that he disagrees with the current compact language.

Committee Action on LC0002 continued

01:53:14 REP. DOANE
01:54:57 REP. SCHWADERER
01:56:25 SEN. WINDY BOY called for a roll call vote on Sen. Peterson's motion. Motion passed 4-2 (Attachment #5) Sen. Tutvedt will sponsor LC0002.
01:59:51 REP. SCHWADERER agreed to carry LC0001.

Public Comment

02:00:30 None.

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02:00:54 SEN. WINDY BOY
02:01:28 REP. SCHWADERER

02:02:55 SEN. WINDY BOY adjourned the September 10, 2014 meeting at 12:05p.m.