

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – Capitol Board Room

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell, Senate Chair
Rep. Jack R. Draxler, House Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Dennis E. Stowell
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. James R. Gowans

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Committee members, Sen. Scott Jenkins, staff, tribal leaders, and guests introduced themselves.

Chair Draxler reviewed the schedule for the American Indian Caucus Day.

Mr. Forrest Cuch, Director, Utah Division of Indian Affairs, made note of a resolution being sponsored by Rep. Wheatley which will be introduced during the General Session. He also briefly discussed the series of documentaries that will soon be presented on public television to educate the public regarding Indian history, culture, and concerns.

1. Briefing and Continental Breakfast with Tribal Leaders

Tribal leaders and others discussed concerns and issues particular to their tribes and encouraged the legislators to address these issues. Issues raised included energy, tribal identification, sales tax exemptions, human remains, education, budgets, roads, and others.

Chair Draxler explained the budget process of the Legislature. He encouraged tribal leaders to prioritize their concerns for their legislators and for the Committee.

2. Adjourn

Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 9:05.