

**NCAI WINTER SESSION**  
**RECOMMENDED CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS**  
MARCH 5 1:00-5:00PM

Tribal leaders, please find attached a list of recommended offices to help facilitate your Congressional meetings next week. NCAI Executive Council Winter Session is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. Wednesday March 5, 1:00-5:00 has been set aside for Congressional meetings.

Last year we kept a list of all of the Congressional meetings held during Winter session. Unfortunately nearly every Tribe *only* met with their own Congressional delegation.

In order to move our shared goals, all of Congress needs to hear from Indian Country. As such, we are asking each Tribe to please schedule at least two meetings outside of their own Congressional delegation. Please find a list below of recommended offices. Do not hesitate to contact the specific NCAI staff listed for assistance, or Heather Dawn Thompson ([htompson@ncai.org](mailto:htompson@ncai.org)) or April Hale ([ahale@ncai.org](mailto:ahale@ncai.org)) (202) 266-7767.

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**MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**(1.) YOUR DELEGATION**

**(2) ONE NEW MEMBER OF CONGRESS THAT HAS NO TRIBES IN THEIR DISTRICT**

**(2.) ONE NON-DELEGATION OFFICE REGARDING AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AREA**

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**(1) YOUR OWN DELEGATION**

**(2) NEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT HAVE NO TRIBES IN THEIR**

**DISTRICT** *(Every Tribe please choose one new office of this list to meet with next week)*

**FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVES WITH NO TRIBES IN THEIR DISTRICT:**

Last Name	First Name	Party	State	Phone	Fax
Altmire	Jason	D	PA	202-225-6501	202-225-6583
Bachman	Michele	R	MN	202-225-2331	202-225-6475
Bilirakis	Gus	R	FL	202-225-5755	202-225-4085
Braley	Bruce	D	IA	202-225-0123	202-225-2256
Buchanan	Vernon	R	FL	202-225-7772	202-225-2919
Carney	Christopher	D	PA	202-225-3731	202-225-9594
Clarke	Yvette	D	NY	202-225-6231	202-226-0112
Cohen	Steve	D	TN	202-225-3265	202-225-5663
Courtney	Joseph	D	CT	202-225-2076	202-225-4977
Davis	David	R	TN	202-225-6356	202-225-5714

Donnelly	Joseph	D	IN	202-225-2135	202-225-3084
Ellison	Keith	D	MN	202-225-4061	202-225-5603
Ellsworth	Brad	D	IN	202-225-4404	202-226-0326
Giffords	Gabrielle	D	AZ	202-225-5614	202-225-6234
Gillibrand	Kristin	D	NY	202-225-2931	202-225-2944
Hall	John	D	NY	202-225-5905	202-225-5396
Hare	Phil	D	IL	202-225-2976	202-225-0697
Hill	Baron P.	D	IN	202-225-2531	202-225-5688
Hirono	Mazie	D	HI	202-225-5206	202-225-2946
Hodes	Paul	D	NH	202-225-5546	202-226-0996
Johnson	Hank	D	GA	202-225-4201	202-225-1485
Jordan	James	R	OH	202-225-6511	202-225-0764
Lamborn	Doug	R	CO	202-225-2735	202-225-5976
Lampson	Nick	D	TX	202-225-3531	202-226-4183
Loeb sack	David	D	IA	202-225-6506	202-225-0546
McCarthy	Kevin	R	CA	202-225-2401	202-225-5955
McNerney	Jerry	D	CA	202-225-3411	202-226-0771
Murphy	Christopher	D	CT	202-225-2301	202-225-1844
Murphy	Patrick	D	PA	202-225-2065	202-225-5709
Perlmutter	Ed	D	CO	202-225-5121	202-225-5796
Roskam	Peter	R	IL	202-225-3931	202-225-5620
Sarbanes	John P.	D	MD	202-225-4765	202-225-0778
Sestak	Joe	D	PA	202-225-3361	202-225-3462
Shea-Porter	Carol	D	NH	202-225-5911	202-225-5879
Sires	Albio	D	NJ	202-225-7919	202-226-0792
Space	Zack	D	OH	202-225-6265	202-225-3394
Sutton	Betty	D	OH	202-225-3401	202-225-2266
Walz	Tim	D	MN	202-225-2472	202-225-3246
Welch	Peter	D	VT	202-225-4115	202-225-6790
Wilson	Charles	D	OH	202-225-5705	202-225-5907
Yarmuth	John	D	KY	202-225-5401	202-225-5776

**FRESHMAN SENATORS WITH NO TRIBES IN STATE**

Last Name	First Name	Party	State	Phone	Fax
Brown	Sherrod	D	OH	202-224-2315	202-224-6519
Cardin	Benjamin	D	MD	202-224-4524	202-224-1651
Casey, Jr.	Robert	D	PA	202-224-6324	202-228-0604
Corker	Bob	R	TN	202-224-3344	202-228-1264
McCaskill	Claire	D	MO	202-224-6154	202-228-1518
Sanders	Bernard	I	VT	202-224-5141	202-228-0776

### **(3) SOME IMPORTANT ISSUE AREAS**

#### **APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET**

- Indian Country has the opportunity to educate the 110th Congress on the importance of fulfilling America's trust responsibility through appropriations to Tribes. NCAI has a complete handout on the Presidents FY09 budget and Indian Country's FY09 Appropriation's request.
- Please contact Amber Ebarb for more detailed information: [aebarb@ncai.org](mailto:aebarb@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Robert Byrd	Senate	D	WV	202-224-3954	202-228-0002	Chair, Appropriations
Thad Cochran	Senate	R	MS	202-224-5054	202-224-9450	Ranking Mbr, Appropriations
Kent Conrad	Senate	D	ND	202-224-2043	202-224-7776	Chair, Budget
Dianne Feinstein	Senate	D	CA	202-224-3841	202-228-3954	Chair, Interior Approps Subcom
Judd Gregg	Senate	R	NH	202-224-3324	202-224-4952	Ranking Mbr, Budget
David Obey	House	D	WI	202-225-3365	202-225-3240	Chair, Appropriations
Jerry Lewis	House	R	CA	202-225-5861	202-225-6498	Ranking Mbr, Appropriations
Norm Dicks	House	D	WA	202-225-5916	202-226-0287	Chair, Interior Approps Subcom
John M. Spratt	House	D	SC	202-225-5501	202-225-0464	Chair, Budget
Paul Ryan	House	R	WI	202-225-3031	202-225-3393	Ranking Mbr, Budget

#### **CODE TALKERS**

- Please reference NCAI Legislative Update. HR 4544 in the House provides for Congressional medals to tribes who had Code Talkers and to individual Code Talkers.
- Please ask House members to sign on as co-sponsors and urge Senators to push for a companion measure.
- Please contact Cinda Hughes to receive copies of the tribal support letter: [chughes@ncai.org](mailto:chughes@ncai.org).

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Barney Frank	House	D	MA	202-225-5931	202-225-0182	Chair, Financial Services
Spencer Bachus	House	R	AL	202-225-4921	202-225-2082	Rnk Mbr, Financial Services
Luis V. Gutierrez	House	D	IL	202-225-8203	202-225-7810	Chair, FS Subcmte on Monetary Policy
Ron Paul	House	R	TX	202-225-	No public	Rnk Mbr, FS,

				2831	fax	Subcmte on Monetary Policy
Chris Dodd	Senate	D	CT	202-224-2823	202-224-1083	Chair, Banking
Richard Shelby	Senate	R	AL	202-224-5744	202-224-3416	Rnk Mbr, Banking
Evan Bayh	Senate	D	IN	202-224-5623	No public fax	Chair, Bank Subcmte on Finance
Mel Martinez	Senate	R	FL	202-224-3041	202-228-5171	Rnk Mbr, Bank Subcmte on Finance
Dale Kildee	House	D	MI	202-225-3611	202-225-6393	Chair, House Native American Caucus
Tom Cole	House	R	OK	202-225-6165	202-225-6165	House Native American Caucus

### **ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE-TRIBAL PROVISIONS**

- Congress is working on a second Economic Stimulus package. NCAI is working to ensure not only that State and local economies are addressed, but that tribal economies are incorporated as well. The Tribal package includes tax exempt bonds, tax extenders, and energy tax credits. Please contact NCAI staff for the one-pager on the package.
- Please contact Dante Desiderio at [ddesiderio@ncai.org](mailto:ddesiderio@ncai.org).

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Earl Pomeroy	House	D	ND	202-225-2611	202-226-0893	
James Oberstar	House	D	MN	202-225-4472	202-226-1270	Chair, Transportation Ask for committee staff
John Mica	House	R	FL	202-225-9446	202-225-6782	Ranking Member, Transportation Ask for committee staff
Charles Rangel	House	D	NY	202-225-4365	202-225-0816	Chair, Ways & Means Contact John Buckley
Jim McCrery	House	R	LA	202-225-4021	202-225-5680	Ranking Member, Ways & Means
Gordon Smith	Senate	R	OR	202-224-3753	202-228-3997	Contact Kara Getz
Max Baucus	Senate	D	MT	202-224-2651	202-224-0515	Chair, Finance Contact Richard Litsey
Charles Grassley	Senate	R	IA	202-224-3744	202-224-6020	Rkng Mbr, Finance

## EDUCATION

- **JOM, Alaska Native Equity Assistance Program, Education for Native Hawaiians, Strengthening AN/NH Serving Institutions, Strengthening Tribal Colleges, Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Institution, Even Start** – Reinstate the programs that were cut in the FY09 budget.
- **No Child Left Behind** – Provide adequate funding for language and cultural programs under Title VII. Ensure that language and culture remain in upcoming reauthorization.
- Please contact Ahniwake Rose for more detailed information: [arose@ncai.org](mailto:arose@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Edward Kennedy	Senate	D	MA	202-224-4543	202-224-2417	Chair, HELP
Michael Enzi	Senate	R	WY	202-224-3424	202-228-0359	Contact Kelly Hastings
George Miller	House	D	CA	202-225-2095	202-225-5609	Contact Alice Cain
Howard McKeon	House	R	CA	202-225-6558	202-226-0683	Ranking Member, Educ. Labor
Dale Kildee	House	D	MI	202-225-3611	202-225-6393	Chair, House Native American Caucus
Tom Cole	House	R	OK	202-225-6165	202-225-6165	House Native American Caucus

## FOSTER CARE- TITLE IV TRIBAL SET-ASIDE

- S. 1956 and HR. 4688 provides direct federal funding to Tribes for the operation of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program. Currently, there are less than 70 Tribes that have required agreements with states to operate these programs. The development of IV-E agreements is not mandatory and Tribes and many states support direct funding of Tribes under Title IV-E.
- Other sources of funding to support tribal foster care and adoption assistance services are also scarce. This has resulted in many Tribes having to ask tribal members to provide these homes without any subsidy and limited support, creating a much higher risk for tribal foster homes to fail. This situation is something that no state government has to tolerate.
- Please ask your Congressmen to support the passage of both bills. Contact Cinda Hughes for more detailed information: [chughes@ncai.org](mailto:chughes@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Max Baucus	Senate	D	MT	202-224-2651	202-224-0515	Chair, Finance
Charles Grassley	Senate	R	IA	202-224-3744	202-224-6020	Ranking Member, Finance
Charles Rangel	House	D	NY	202-225-4365	202-225-0816	Chair, Ways and Means

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

- DHS Direct Tribal funding, the REAL ID act, and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are all in the implementation phases. Please join the pre-scheduled NCAI Homeland Security Working Group meetings with DHS during ECWS.
  - Sunday March 2
    - 10:00-5:00pm Northern Border Tribes: Tribal Caucus (*Hosted by the Seneca Nation*)
    - 6:00-8:00pm NCAI Homeland Security Working Group: All-Tribes: Tribal Caucus
  - Monday March 3
    - 5:00-7:00pm NCAI Homeland Security Working Group: Tribal Leaders/DHS Meeting I (WHTI)
  - Wednesday March 5
    - 1:00-4:00pm NCAI Homeland Security Working Group: Tribal Leaders/DHS Meeting II (REAL ID/Direct Funding)

## **INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT (IHCA)**

- Encourage the House bill to be reported out of Energy & Commerce and Ways & Means
- Please contact Ahniwake Rose for more detailed information: [arose@ncai.org](mailto:arose@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Frank Pallone	House	D	NJ	202-225-4671	202-225-9665	Introduced House bill
Nancy Pelosi	House	D	CA	202-225-4965	202-225-8259	Speaker
John Boehner	House	R	OH	202-225-6205	202-225-0704	Minority Leader
John Dingell	House	D	MI	202-225-2927	202-225-2525	Chair, E&C
Joe Barton	House	R	TX	202-225-3641	202-225-1919	Rnk. Mem, E&C
Charles Rangel	House	D	NY	202-225-3625	202-225-2610	Chair, Ways & Means
Jim McCrery	House	R	LA	202-225-4021	202-225-5680	Rnk. Mem., Ways & Means
Nick Rahall	House	D	WV	202-225-3452	202-225-9061	Chair, Resources
Dale Kildee	House	D	MI	202-225-3611	202-225-6393	Chair, House Native American Caucus
Tom Cole	House	R	OK	202-	202-225-6165	House Native American Caucus
Don Young	House	R	AK	202-225-2761	202-225-5929	Rnk. Mem, Resources

## **NAHASDA**

- NAHASDA has passed through the House and is awaiting a final vote in the Senate. The bill will then likely go to conference.
- Please contact Gwen Salt for more detailed information: [gsalt@ncai.org](mailto:gsalt@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Christopher Dodd	Senate	D	CT	202-224-7391	202-224-5137	Chair, Banking and Housing
Richard Shelby	Senate	R	AL	202-224-7391	202-224-5737	Ranking Member, Banking and Housing
Barney Frank	House	D	MA	202-225-5931	202-225-0182	Chair, Financial Services Preparation for conference
Spencer Bachus	House	D	AL	202-225-7502	202-226-4301	Ranking Member, Financial Service Preparation for conference

## **8(A) CONTRACTING**

- The SBA 8(a) contracting program, which has created tremendous opportunities for many Tribes in the government contracting arena, has come under heavy scrutiny. It is vitally important for Tribes to remind federal decision-makers that the special Tribal 8(a) provisions are an important part of the federal government's attempts to fulfill its trust responsibility and help stimulate tribal economies through government-to-government commerce. Please meet with your Congressman and tell them about the important benefits that Native communities derive from participation in the program.
- Please contact Dante Desiderio for more detailed information: [ddesiderio@ncai.org](mailto:ddesiderio@ncai.org)

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Phone	Fax	Notes
Olympia Snowe	Senate	R	ME	202-224-5344	202-224-1946	Ranking Member, Small Bus.
John Kerry	Senate	D	MA	202-224-2742	202-224-8525	Chair, Small Business
Steve Chabot	House	R	OH	202-225-5821	202-225-3587	Ranking Member, Small Bus.