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This year's NCAI Executive Council Session – “110th Congress Second Session Executive Council” – will focus on upcoming legislative issues that the members of the 110th Congress will be debating in this Session. Discussion will also center on the Bush Administration's budget proposal for FY09. This meeting provides an opportunity for tribal leaders and advocates to visit congressional offices to discuss current legislative issues of concern.

NCAI strongly urges all of you to make appointments to visit your Senators and Representatives, as well as members of Congress without tribes in their districts who could benefit from an opportunity to hear from tribes. If we are to be successful, it is absolutely vital that tribal leaders and advocates **ACT NOW** to educate and alert members of Congress on the key issues before us in the areas of appropriations, trust management, sovereignty protection, transportation, economic development, energy, health care, education, and other critical areas. There is perhaps no better time as we gather together in a powerful coalition with the goal of making our voices heard, bringing our issues to the highest-ranking officials of the federal government.

We strongly encourage you to attend this important session and take advantage of the time allotted for Hill visits. To schedule visits, contact the office of your Senators and Representatives as well as any other offices you would like to visit. If you wish to meet with the member directly, request the fax number to send a meeting request to the scheduler. You should fax your meeting request **IN WRITING** to the scheduler and follow up to ensure the request was received.

We have set aside Wednesday, March 5, 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 6, 1:00-5:00 p.m. for Capitol Hill visits.

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Date	Time	Event	Room
Sunday, March 2	9:00-4:00	<p>Building Bridges to Promote Indian Child and Family Welfare</p> <p>This meeting will launch a new network of practitioners, researchers and policy-makers and look for opportunities for collaboration in order to promote this work. The meeting will be convened in partnership between the NCAI Policy Research Center and the National Indian Child Welfare Association. All are invited to attend.</p>	Vista C
	9:00-5:00	NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting	Sherwood
	1:00-4:00	<p>NCAI Tribal Meth Task Force</p> <p>Session will meet to discuss the recently completed Indian-specific anti-meth ad campaign, updating the Tribal Meth Toolkit and highlight tribal approaches to fighting meth. Everyone is welcome to attend and help shape NCAI's anti-methamphetamine initiatives.</p>	Vista B
	1:00-5:00	<p>Federal Recognition Task Force</p> <p>Focus will be on the development of the joint resolution with the Executive Board, the issues relating to recent Congressional hearings held on revising the acknowledgment process, and the informational "fact vs. myth" paper.</p>	Belle Air
	4:30-6:00	Building Bridges to Promote Indian Child and Family Welfare Reception	East Room
	6:00-8:00	NCAI Homeland Security Working Group: All-Tribes Tribal Caucus	Vista B

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Date	Time	Event	Room
Monday, March 3	8:30-5:00	NCAI Registration	Ballroom Foyer
	8:30-5:00	Rules & Credentials	Stratford Hall
	8:00-Noon	NCAI Youth Commission The Youth Commission will have access to this meeting room throughout the week to use to conduct any necessary meetings. Meetings will be announced in daily announcements.	Berkeley
	9:00-Noon	Effective Congressional Advocacy Workshop	Belle Air
	9:00-Noon	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women The Task Force will meet to discuss a number of issues related to violence against Native Women.	Westover
	9:00-Noon	The Challenges of Culturally Unidentifiable Remains Take an in-depth look at the issue from various tribal and governmental perspectives.	Ashlawn South
	9:00-Noon	Bureau of Indian Affairs Modernization Tribal leaders have requested that the Office of Special Trustee be included in the Department of Interior's "Modernization Initiative." This meeting will discuss the original intent of the Special Trustee and its current role as a manager of trust programs.	Monticello
	9:00-Noon	Tribal Water Rights This session will deal with the issues surrounding tribal water rights claims and focus on legislative and funding mechanisms to settle them.	Ashlawn North

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Date	Time	Event	Room
	Noon	NCAI Press Conference	Woodlawn
	1:00-5:00	1st General Assembly	Vista Ballroom
	1:00-1:15	Posting of Colors Invocation Call to Order - Joe A. Garcia, President	
	1:15-1:30	Senator Byron Dorgan, ND	
	1:30-1:50	Senator Max Baucus, MT	
	2:10-2:30	Janet Weir Creighton, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House	
	2:30-2:50	Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs	
	2:50-3:10	NCAI President's Report - Joe Garcia	
	3:10-3:30	NCAI Executive Director's Report - Jacqueline Johnson	
	3:30-3:50	Indian Health Care Improvement Act Rachel Joseph, Former Chairwoman, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Allison Binney, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs	
	3:50-4:10	NCAI Native Vote 2008	
	4:30-4:50	Secretary James Peake, Department of Veterans Affairs	
		Recess	
	5:00-7:00	NCAI Homeland Security Working Group: Tribal Leaders/ DHS Meeting I (WHTI)	Ashlawn North
	7:00-10:00	10th Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Dinner (Traditional Attire Encouraged)	Vista Ballroom

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Date	Time	Event	Room	
Tuesday, March 4	7:30-5:00	Registration	Ballroom Foyer Stratford Hall	
	7:30-5:00	Rules & Credentials		
	8:30-Noon	2nd General Assembly	Vista Ballroom	
	9:00-9:20	9:00-9:20	Call to Order - Jefferson Keel NCAI First Vice-President	
			NCAI Announcements & Updates	
			Congressman Norman Dicks, WA	
			Peter Lyons, Commissioner, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	
			Climate Change David McIntosh, Senator Lieberman's Office	
	10:30-11:00	Supreme Court Update Plains Commerce Bank vs. Long David Frederick Joe Flies Away	Woodlawn	
	11:00-Noon	Tribal Leaders Legislative Strategy		
	Noon	Press Conference		
	Noon-1:30	Lunch (on your own)		
	1:30-5:00	3rd General Assembly	Vista Ballroom	
1:35-1:50	1:35-1:50	Call to Order - W. Ron Allen NCAI Recording Secretary		
		Congressman Dale Kildee, MI		
		Kevin Kolevar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy, Department of Energy		
		Appropriations		
		Public Safety		
		Ronald Meisburg, General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board		
6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Legislative Reception Co-Hosted by NCAI and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian	NMAI 4th & Independence		

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Wednesday, March 5	8:30-Noon	4th General Assembly Call to Order - gaiashkibos NCAI Treasurer	Vista Ballroom
	9:10-9:30	Secretary Mary Peters, Department of Transportation	
	9:30-9:40	Governor Howard Dean, Chairman, DNC Mike Duncan, Chairman, RNC, invited	
	9:40-10:00	Congressman Jay Inslee, WA	
	10:00-10:20	Congressman Dan Boren, OK	
	10:20-10:30	Lt. General Robert L. Van Antwerp	
	10:30-10:50	Indian Country Transition Plan	
	11:20-Noon	Tribal Leaders Legislative Strategy	
	Noon	Adjournment	
	1:00-5:00	SCHEDULED CAPITOL HILL VISITS POST-MEETINGS	
	1:00-5:00	NCAI Homeland Security Working Group Tribal Leaders/ DHS Meeting II A comprehensive working meeting on Homeland Security Issues affecting tribes right now. This meeting is intended as a decision-making meeting between tribal leaders and DHS on major issues such as the details of WHTI, REAL ID, and DHS Direct Tribal grants.	Ashlawn North
	1:30-5:00	Multi Agency Consultation The Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Department of Housing and Urban Development are hosting a government to government consultation session on enhancing public safety and public health in tribal communities.	Vista Ballroom

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Other Events in Washington, DC (Not Hosted by NCAI)

Date	Time	Event	Room
Monday, March 3	11:30-1:00 pm	BIA Land Into Trust Issues Update hosted by Anderson Tuell, LLP. Box lunches provided.	Fireside Room
	5:00-7:00 pm	NTEC-NWF Climate Change Legislation Briefing & Reception For more information call Garitt Voggeser, NWF at 303-441-5161.	Ashlawn South
Tuesday, March 4	Noon-1:00	13th Annual Indian Women's "Supporting Each Other Lunch." Please RSVP with Julie Johnson at (360)-645-2077.	Monticello
	Noon-1:00	Lunch Fundraiser for Congressman Kildee and Congressman Kennedy. Please RSVP to Francesca Gage at 202-543-0624.	Ashlawn North
Wednesday, March 5	Noon-1:30	Congressman Tom Udall Reception To RSVP contact Kellyn Blossom at (202)719-1396 or Kellyn@jypconsulting.com	San Manuel DC Office
Thursday, March 6		National Summit on Appropriations for American Indian & Alaskan Native Health Care NIHB is hosting a national summit on Indian health care appropriations through which it will provide attendees with appropriations training, an in-depth analysis of the appropriations process (as it pertains to Indian health care), issue-specific workshops on areas such as contract health services, contract support costs, facilities construction and other pressing issues.	

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Other Events in Washington, DC (Continued)

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Thursday, March 6	8:00-4:30	SMART OFFICE National Tribal Sex Offender Registration Symposium. This session, will provide tribal leaders and program officers with detailed information regarding implementation of the Adam Walsh Act in Indian Country. www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov	Grand Hyatt 1000 H Street
	8:30-5:30	Tribal Pesticide Program Council For More Information Contact Georgia McDuffie at (703)605-0195 or georgia.mcduffie@epa.gov	EPA Offices Fourth Floor
Friday, March 7	8:30-5:00	Public Health and Public Safety Training and Technical Assistance This session, hosted by the DOJ, HSS, DOI, HUD, SBA, will address increased access to resources, crime prevention and health strategies, interdiction and intervention strategies, detention and treatment needs for community based solutions and interjurisdictional cooperation.	Grand Hyatt 1000 H Street
	8:30-Noon	Tribal Pesticide Program Council cont.	EPA Offices Fourth Floor