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This year’s NCAI Executive Council Session – “109th Congress Executive Council” – will focus on upcoming legislative issues that the members of the 109th Congress will be debating. Discussion will also center on the Bush Administration’s budget proposal for FY07, which continues the trend of declining federal per capita spending for Indians. The ECWS 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 representative, 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 arenas. 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 representative 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 1, 1:00-5:00 p.m. for Capitol Hill visits.



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Week-in-Brief

Sunday	February 26	9:00 -5:00	NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting	Wyndham Hotel
		4:00-6:00	Violence Against Women Act	Belle Air
Monday	February 27	8:30-5:00	NCAI Summit Registration	Ballroom Foyer
		8:30-5:00	Rules & Credentials	Stratford Hall
		9:00-Noon	Media Strategy	Sherwood
		9:00-Noon	Government Contracting (8a)	Monticello East
		9:00-Noon	Trust Regulations	Ashlawn North
		9:00-Noon	Endangered Species Act	Westover
		9:00-Noon	Energy	Ashlawn South
		9:00-Noon	Federal Recognition	Monticello West
		9:00-Noon	Violence Against Women Act	Ashlawn North
		9:00-Noon	Effective Congressional Advocacy Workshop	Belle Air
		Noon	Press Conference	Woodlawn Room
		1:00-5:00	1st General Assembly	Vista Ballroom
			Posting of Colors	
			Invocation	
			Call to Order - Joe A. Garcia, NCAI President	
			Presidents Report	
			Joe A. Garcia, NCAI President	
			Executive Director's Report	
			Jacqueline Johnson, NCAI Executive Director	
			Congressional and Administration Updates	
			Alphonso Jackson, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	
			Mike Johanns, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	
			Jim Nicholson, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
			Congressman Patrick Kennedy	
			Congressman Jeff Bingaman	
			Senator Byron Dorgan	
			Jim Cason, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Dept. of the Interior	
		6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Legislative Reception	
			Hosted by NCAI at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)	

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		8:30-5:00	Registration Ballroom Foyer
		8:30-5:00	Rules & Credentials Stratford Hall
		9:00-Noon	2nd General Assembly Vista Ballroom
		9:00-Noon	Call to Order – Jefferson Keel, NCAI First Vice President Congressional Updates Dr. Charles Grimm Congressman Tom Cole Legislative Strategy Update, Jackie Johnson, NCAI Executive Director Senator John Kerry Congressman Rick Renzi
		Noon-1:30	Lunch (on your own)
		1:30-5:00	3rd General Assembly Vista Ballroom
		1:30-5:00	Call to Order – Juana Majel, NCAI Recording Secretary Congressional and Administration Updates Ruben Baralles, Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Congressman Dale Kildee Senator Max Baucus Lloyd Miller-Contract Support Lt. General Carl Strock, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers
		5:00	Recess
		7:00-10:00	Dinner 8th Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Ballroom



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Wednesday	March 1	9:00-Noon	4th General Assembly Call to Order – W. Ron Allen, NCAI Treasurer NCAI Announcements and Updates	Vista Ballroom
		9:10-Noon	Congressional and Administration Updates Congressman Nick Rahall Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Tom Dowd, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Labor Senator Sam Brownback Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.	
		12:30	Adjournment	
		1:00-5:00	SCHEDULED CAPITOL HILL VISITS	

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