



STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE 69th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

Josh Kassmier
Gayle Lammers
Susan Webber
Jonathan Windy Boy

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Lyn Bennett
Shelly Fyant
Terry Nelson
Tyson Running Wolf
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Jade Sooktis

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Maddie Krezowski – Legal Staff
Casey Pallister – Lead Staff
Maddelyn Pennington - Secretary

MINUTES LOG

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Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Presiding Officer (D)
Sen. Gayle Lammers, Vice Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Lyn Bennett (R)
Rep. Shelly Fyant (D)
Rep. Terry Nelson (R)
Rep. Curtis Schomer (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Josh Kassmier (R)
Rep. Jade Sooktis (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Maddie Krezowski, Legal Staff
Casey Pallister, Lead Staff
Maddelyn Pennington, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- 13:06:07 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.
The committee secretary took roll.
- 13:06:59 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf

**STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (STRC) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,
PRAYER, INTRODUCTION**

Prayer

- 13:07:32 Greg Dumontier, Confederate Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Council

Introduction

- 13:08:37 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
- 13:10:05 Rep. Curtis Schomer
- 13:10:24 Vice Presiding Officer Gayle Lammers
- 13:11:01 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
- 13:11:25 Rep. Terry Nelson
- 13:11:50 Sen. Susan Webber
- 13:12:52 Rep. Lyn Bennett
- 13:13:25 Rep. Shelly Fyant
- 13:14:13 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
- 13:15:45 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
- 13:15:50 Jami Pluff, Chairman, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:16:42 Greg Dumontier, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:17:06 Len Twoteeth, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:17:32 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:18:16 Danielle Matt, Secretary, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:18:44 James "Bing" Matt, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:19:25 Martin Charlo, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:19:56 Carole Lankford, Treasurer, CSKT Tribal Council
- 13:20:40 Jami Pluff, Chairman, CSKT Tribal Council

STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (STRC) GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 13:21:01 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
- 13:22:38 Jami Pluff, Chairman, Confederate Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Council
- 13:26:43 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
- 13:28:10 Sen. Susan Webber
- 13:30:58 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
- 13:33:57 Rep. Shelly Fyant

13:36:37 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
13:36:46 Jami Pluff, CSKT Tribal Council
13:36:59 Len Twoteeth, CSKT Tribal Council
13:38:22 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
13:38:51 Casey Pallister, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Recess

13:41:55 Power outage occurred. Committee was on an unofficial break until in-room audio could be restored.

STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (STRC) GENERAL DISCUSSION - CONTINUED

13:42:55 Casey Pallister, LSD
13:43:20 Carole Lankford, CSKT Tribal Council
13:46:22 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
13:46:34 Rep. Curtis Schomer
13:47:39 Vice Presiding Officer Gayle Lammers
13:48:36 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
13:51:23 Martin Charlo, CSKT Tribal Council
13:54:18 Sen. Susan Webber
13:55:46 Vice Presiding Officer Gayle Lammers
13:56:13 Martin Charlo, CSKT Tribal Council
13:56:41 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
14:59:48 Vice Presiding Officer Gayle Lammers
14:00:06 Rep. Lyn Bennett
14:00:30 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
14:01:58 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
14:05:28 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
14:06:37 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
14:12:40 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
14:12:56 Vice Presiding Officer Gayle Lammers
14:14:21 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
14:15:12 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy
14:16:23 Sen. Susan Webber
14:17:56 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
14:25:30 Sen. Susan Webber
14:25:57 Tom McDonald, CSKT Tribal Council
14:26:34 Danielle Matt, CSKT Tribal Council
14:31:06 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf
14:34:07 Danielle Matt, CSKT Tribal Council
14:35:05 Jami Pluff, Chairman, CSKT Tribal Council
14:36:39 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN STATE TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S (STRC'S) JURISDICTION

14:37:25 None

STATE TRIBAL RELATION COMMITTEE (STRC) WRAP UP

14:37:39 Presiding Officer Tyson Running Wolf

14:38:11 Danielle Matt, Secretary, Confederate Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Council

14:38:31 Carole Lankford, Treasurer, CSKT Tribal Council

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:40:15