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**MINUTES OF THE
NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 – 8:30 a.m. – Capitol Board Room

Members Present:

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Chair
Rep. Jack R. Draxler, House Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Luz Robles
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Douglas Sagers
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Casey O. Anderson
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Draxler called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Committee members, staff, tribal leaders, and guests introduced themselves.

2. Discussion with Tribal Representatives

Sen. VanTassell and Rep. Watkins discussed pending legislation regarding Native American issues currently being proposed in the 2012 General Session, including SB267, "Tribal Health Information," HB 127, "Navajo Water Rights Negotiation Account," and HCR 6, "Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project Concurrent Resolution."

Tribal leaders discussed concerns and issues particular to their tribes and encouraged the legislators to consider matters such as water, human remains and repatriation, and energy.

Mr. Cannon presented a slide show outlining the legislative process and explaining how tribal leaders can be involved with the Utah Legislature.

Ms. Bev Evans, Governor's Office of Economic Development, distributed "Legislative Lobbying Tips" and explained the importance of constituents contacting their local legislators regarding tribal issues.

Committee discussion followed.

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Draxler adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.