

**111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS**  
**DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR NEW CONGRESS**  
*1/12/2009*

**FIRST YEAR PRIORITIES AND GOALS**

- Indian Country Economic Stimulus Provisions
  - Access to Capital – Tax Exempt Bonds Fix
- Quick Designation and Confirmation of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)
- Tribal Law and Order Act
- Increase Appropriations for Critical Services and Infrastructure in Indian Country
- Trust Reform
- Pension Fix (Section 906 of Pension Protection Act of 2006)
- Self-Governance Program Amendments
- Adam Walsh Fix

**UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATIONS & NATIONAL BILLS**

- **Reauthorizations with Tribal Implications**
  - SCHIP (State Children’s Health Insurance Program) (March)
  - SAFTEA-LU (Transportation Reauthorization)
  - SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
  - NCLB (No Child Left Behind)
- **National Bills with Implications for Tribal Governments**
  - Economic Stimulus
  - Labor Reform and Tribal Government Status under NLRA
  - Streamlined Sales Tax
  - Climate Change
  - Domestic Energy/Alternative Energy Development
  - Telecommunications Bill
  - Juvenile Justice Reform
  - National Health Care Reform

**MACRO ISSUES & GOALS**

- Tribal Self-Determination & Strengthening Tribal Governments
- Treaty Rights and the Trust Responsibility
- Tribal Governmental Parity Bill (Comprehensive Tribal Tax Parity Package)
- Tribal Participation in Homeland Security and Emergency Response

## **110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS:**

### **PRIORITY LIST FROM LAST CONGRESS AND UPDATE**

*(This is the priority list developed at this same meeting at the beginning of the last Congress, the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, and updates on accomplishments.)*

#### **SHORT-TERM PRIORITIES AND GOALS**

- ✓ Confirmation of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- ✓ Department of Homeland Security: Direct Tribal Funding
- ✓ Code Talkers Bill
- ✓ Meth Grants Tribal Fix
- ✓ Tribal Provisions in the Farm Bill
- ✓ Native American Housing Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)
- ✓ Increase Appropriations
- ✓ Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments
- ✓ Tribal Direct Foster Care Funding
- Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA)
- Pension Fix (Section 906 of Pension Protection Act of 2006)
- Adam Walsh Act Fix
- Tax Exempt Bonds Clarification

#### **REAUTHORIZATIONS & NATIONAL BILLS**

- **Reauthorizations with Tribal Implications**
  - NCLB (No Child Left Behind)
  - ESA (Endangered Species Act)
  - OAA (Older Americans Act)
- **National Bills with Implications for Tribal Governments**
  - Telecommunications Bill
  - Streamlined Sales Tax

#### **MACRO ISSUES & GOALS**

- ✓ Economic Development Policy Summit
- ✓ Draft of a Law Enforcement bill
- Self-Governance Program Amendments
- Indian Country Educational Empowerment Zone Act
- Tribal Tax Parity/Comprehensive Tribal Tax Package
- Tribal Self-Determination & Strengthening Tribal Governments
- Climate Change/Alternative Energy Development in Indian Country
- Cobell Settlement/Trust Reform