



## State-Tribal Relations Committee

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### 64th Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

July 9-10, 2015

Platinum Room, Glacier Peaks Casino  
Browning, MT

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## **JULY 9, 2015**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN. JILL COHENOUR  
SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER  
SEN. KRISTIN HANSEN  
SEN. JONATHAN WINDY BOY

REP. ALAN DOANE  
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### **STAFF PRESENT**

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**VISITORS' LIST**([Attachment 1](#))

**AGENDA**([Attachment 2](#))

**COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

- The committee adopted the minutes log for its meeting on September 10, 2014.
- The committee segregated consideration of its use of proxies from the rest of its draft Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines.
- The committee adopted its Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines without the portion on proxies.
- The committee elected Sen. Windy Boy as its chairman.
- The committee elected Rep. Doane as its vice chairman.
- The committee voted to send a letter to the Office of Public Instruction regarding implementation of language immersion program funding.
- The committee adopted its work plan for the interim.
- The committee adopted a meeting calendar.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

00:00:01 Sen. Cohenour called the meeting to order.  
00:00:17 The secretary took the roll ([Attachment 3](#)).

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

00:01:03 Staff Introductions

**Adoption of September 10, 2014 Minutes**

00:02:49 Rep. Doane moved to adopt the September 10, 2014 minutes. ([EXHIBIT 1](#))  
00:02:59 The committee discussed the minute layout.  
00:06:46 Rep. Doane's motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

**Budget Overview**

00:07:05 Ms. Stockwell provided a brief overview of the budget.

**Adoption of STRC Rules**

00:07:56 The committee discussed the draft Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines ([EXHIBIT 2](#)).

**Motion/Vote**

00:14:40 Sen. Fielder moved to adopt the Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines.

**Substitute Motion/Vote**

00:14:50 Rep. Doane moved to segregate the motion to allow consideration of the use of proxies from the motion to adopt the rest of the rules.  
00:15:08 The committee discussed the motions in more detail.  
00:17:04 The motion to allow the segregation passed 6-1 by voice vote. Cohenour voted no.

### **Motion/Vote**

00:18:08 The motion to adopt the Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines document without the portion on proxies passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

00:18:32 Sen. Windy Boy arrived at the meeting.

### **Motion/Vote**

00:19:20 Rep. Doane moved to disallow proxies.

00:20:02 Committee discussion on the motion.

00:24:45 The motion to disallow proxies failed 4-4 by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, Rep. Doane, Rep. Greef, and Sen. Fielder voted yes. Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted no.

### **Motion/Vote**

00:26:15 Sen. Cohenour moved to allow proxies.

00:26:31 Committee discussion on the motion.

00:27:35 Sen. Cohenour retracted her motion to allow proxies.

### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

00:27:55 Ms. Stockwell provided an overview of the committee and staff responsibilities.

### **ELECTION OF STRC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

00:32:22 The committee discussed committee leadership.

00:33:44 Sen. Cohenour nominated Sen. Windy Boy for committee chairman.

00:34:19 Committee discussion on the nomination of a committee chairman.

00:38:30 Rep. Kipp moved to elect Sen. Windy Boy as the committee chairman.

### **Substitute Motion/Vote**

00:39:23 Sen. Fielder made a substitute motion to nominate Rep. Doane as the committee chairman.

00:39:47 The motion to elect Rep. Doane as the committee chairman failed by roll call vote. 4-4 ([Attachment 4](#)). Rep. Doane, Rep. Greef, Sen. Hansen, and Sen. Fielder voted yes; Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted no.

### **Motion/Vote**

00:40:47 The motion to elect Sen. Windy Boy as the committee chairman passed by roll call vote 5-3 ([Attachment 5](#)). Rep. Doane, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted yes; Rep. Greef, Sen. Fielder and Sen. Hansen voted no.

### **Motion/Vote**

00:41:57 Sen. Hansen moved to nominate Rep. Doane as the vice chairman. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **DRAFT INTERIM WORK PLAN & OPTIONS**

00:43:36 Ms. Stockwell provided an overview of the Montana State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee Draft Work Plan ([EXHIBIT 3](#)).

### Committee Questions

- 00:47:26 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Stockwell about flexibility within the work plan pertaining to study topics.
- 00:49:36 Sen. Windy Boy provided the committee with information regarding tribal college studies in the past.
- 00:50:04 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Stockwell about the planned action by another committee regarding tribal college studies.
- 00:58:33 Sen. Hansen expressed her interest in a third reservation visit during the interim. She also asked Melissa Schlichting about the law enforcement jurisdictional issues.
- 01:02:34 Rep. Kipp commented on the jurisdictional issues regarding Montana tribes.
- 01:05:54 Sen. Cohenour asked Ms. Stockwell about the required staff time to update "The Tribal Nations of Montana: A Handbook for Legislators" (**EXHIBIT 4**).
- 01:08:09 Rep. Doane commented about the jurisdictional study and potential study issues to look at under the issue.
- 01:09:43 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Stockwell about the opportunity to further discuss issues with the work plan during the following meeting day.

### Public Comment

- 01:11:08 Rep. Susan Webber, Blackfeet, commented about past and current issues in Montana regarding tribal jurisdiction.

The following individuals commented on federal, state, and tribal relations and HB562 (requiring agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes):

- 01:13:54 Rep. Bruce Meyers
- 01:22:27 Rep. Kipp
- 01:28:45 Sen. Windy Boy

01:33:41 **Break.**

- 01:47:14 Sen. Windy Boy called the meeting back to order.

### **JOINT SESSION OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL**

- 01:48:26 Harry Barnes, Chairman of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, provided the committee with an overview of past tribal council business and history. He commented about HB562, tribal audits, court system and law enforcement compliance, economic development, and bison.
- 02:09:23 Bill Old Chief, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council member, commented about non-native interactions and the importance of educating the public about tribal customs. He spoke of sovereignty and changes on the reservations that he would like to see.
- 02:18:16 Tyson Running Wolf, Secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, provided the committee with an overview of the tribal budget and economic situation. He spoke of the recent issue concerning the delisting of the grizzly bear as an endangered species. Mr. Running Wolf provided examples of current efforts to reform and improve reservation lands through efforts with state and federal governments.

02:31:31 Mr. Barnes spoke about the tribe's alcohol and tobacco compact in relation to the enrollment formula and the potential for a resort tax compact and gas tax.

#### Committee Questions

02:34:24 Rep. Doane asked Mr. Barnes for elaboration regarding the bison transfer he spoke of.

02:44:08 Rep. Kipp provided comments about previous topics mentioned by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council such as bison transfer, economic development, county name change, and state and tribal relations.

02:56:48 Sen. Fielder asked Mr. Barnes about the census and data from within a brochure included in the committee packet (**EXHIBIT 5**). Mr. Running Wolf assisted Mr. Barnes in the response to the question.

03:02:55 Ms. Stockwell provided further clarification to Sen. Fielder's question regarding the information provided in the brochure.

03:03:31 Sen. Fielder asked Mr. Barnes for clarification regarding employment rates provided in the brochure.

03:12:02 Sen. Windy Boy referenced the governor's 2014 State-Tribal Relations Report and information provided within it regarding employment (**EXHIBIT 6**). He also presented the tribal council with a small token of gratitude for their participation in the meeting.

03:15:05 **Break.**

03:30:20 Sen. Windy Boy called the meeting back to order.

#### **INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE (HB 559)**

03:30:36 Casey Lozar, State Tribal Economic Development Commission Executive Director, began by addressing the statistic confusion on the brochure. He then provided the committee with an update on the Indian Language Preservation Program.

#### **Blackfeet Language Preservation Program Update**

03:45:54 Arlene Augare, Chairwoman, Blackfeet Tribal Language Advisory Council, provided the committee with a brief introduction of her history teaching language and the current educational implementations underway to expand the Blackfeet language under the language preservation program.

03:51:22 Theodora Weatherwax, Browning Public Schools, provided the committee with information about the DVD's that the tribe has produced and passed around some examples for the committee to view.

03:53:27 Dorene Black Weasel, Kanaitapiwa Elder Center, explained the process she was involved with when implementing the language program.

03:57:19 Ms. Weatherwax provided the committee with further description of the program efforts she was involved in. She also provided the committee with a presentation of lesson examples and 2 separate handbooks related to Blackfeet tradition and customs.

#### Committee Questions

- 04:06:47 Rep. Doane asked Ms. Weatherwax about the translation of modern day words into a native language. Ms. Augare assisted in answering the question.
- 04:19:41 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Weatherwax if it would be possible to get a copy of a handbook she distributed.
- 04:20:52 Sen. Cohenour asked Ms. Weatherwax if there was any devotion made to arithmetic during the language preservation efforts.
- 04:22:50 Rep. Kipp presented the presenters with a small token of gratitude to thank them for their efforts and for attending and presenting during the meeting.

#### Public Comment

- 04:27:13 Kenny Weatherwax, Browning, spoke to the committee about a crime that was committed on the reservation related to the criminal justice system.
- 04:28:36 Billy Jo Bull Calf Juneau, Browning Public Schools, commented about the new immersion program that is going to be implemented and provided the committee with her personal experience developing an understanding of her culture and how important she believes cultural preservation to be.

#### Committee Questions

- 04:35:25 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Bull Calf Juneau about culture class time being shortened.
- 04:36:29 Sen. Windy Boy commented about the newly implemented language immersion bill and the criteria to be eligible.
- 04:38:24 Rep. Kipp commented about the efforts being made to implement language immersion.
- 04:44:13 Sen. Lea Whitford, Cut Bank, commented about the Indian Language Preservation Program and the positive results she has seen from cultural history being taught within the schools.

#### **SUICIDE PREVENTION FUNDING DISCUSSION**

- 04:52:02 Rep. Kipp provided background information related to the high rate of suicide occurring on Montana reservations and the efforts he would like to see made toward prevention.
- 05:00:04 Dustin Monroe, CEO, Native Generational Change, provided the committee with information related to the suicide problem and the importance that cultural preservation could potentially have on lowering the amount of suicides within native nations. He also shared a handout related to the Youth Epidemic & Solutions (**EXHIBIT 7**).

#### Committee Questions

- 05:15:30 Rep. Doane asked Mr. Monroe to elaborate on "red tape" and prevention of sweats and grant money to promote sweats.
- 05:17:17 Sen. Hansen asked Mr. Monroe what his ideal community based setting is and what changes would need to be made to allow traditional practices, with Native Americans and other spirituality based practices.
- 05:21:55 Rep. Kipp stated the need to develop a traditional module that is accepted by modern medical practices and the need for emotional/physical/cultural stability. He also emphasized the need for local assistance for tribal members regardless

- of where they reside.
- 05:29:22 Sen. Windy Boy asked Ms. Stockwell how the allotted grant money was going to be utilized and distributed.
- 05:31:50 Sen. Fielder asked Mr. Monroe about the possibility of compiling a thesis to develop proven research to further the ability of grant money being used toward traditional alternatives.
- 05:35:46 Sen. Windy Boy provided the staff with a document containing information regarding Stages of Loss. **(EXHIBIT 8)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 05:38:51 Julie Fisher, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Montana Board of Crime Control, told the committee of two current programs that could be potentially useful to Montana tribes in implementing cultural awareness to diffuse emotional distress.
- 05:43:07 Rep. Kipp thanked the presenters and stated his agreement with the need to consult with youth members to attempt and develop a solution to the suicide problem.
- 05:45:07 Natalie Rowe, Office of Public Instruction, provided the committee with a fact sheet regarding the Language Immersion Program **(EXHIBIT 9)** and reviewed the information included on the sheet. She also provided the committee with two separate handouts listing schools with a native population of at least 10% **(EXHIBIT 10)** and districts within a reservation **(EXHIBIT 11)**

### **Committee Questions of Ms. Rowe**

- 05:47:47 Sen. Hansen asked how many Class 7 teachers are currently teaching in Montana.
- 05:50:21 Sen. Windy Boy asked about language standards.
- 05:53:12 Sen. Hansen asked about OPI's plan for the Language Immersion Program.
- 05:53:25 Sen. Windy Boy commented about how to measure language progression.
- 05:55:44 Sen. Windy Boy asked about general fund allocation per school district.
- 05:58:45 Ms. Fisher commented about her department's willingness to assist reservations with juvenile justice program implementations and provided background information on current programs. She also provided the committee with four documents pertaining to crime prevention:  
 Upcoming Workshops **(EXHIBIT 12)**  
 Background Information Document **(EXHIBIT 13)**  
 Did you know? **(EXHIBIT 14)**  
 Do The Write Thing Brochure **(EXHIBIT 15)**

### **Committee Questions for Ms. Fisher**

- 06:10:51 Sen. Fielder asked about the possibility of targeting teachers instead of principals to attempt inclusion in the Do the Write Thing program.
- 06:12:58 Sen. Hansen asked if there is availability of suicide rates throughout the state. Ms. Stockwell answered with the information she has compiled recently.
- 06:14:38 Rep. Kipp suggested allowing children to orally tell their stories instead of writing it on paper physically to allow for more inclusion from native reservations.

## **LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

06:18:59 Sen. Windy Boy referenced a letter addressed to the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) requesting a report be provided to the committee regarding updates on the Language Immersion Program Implementation.

### **Motion/Vote**

06:19:41 Sen. Cohenour moved to adopt and send the draft letter to OPI.  
06:20:51 Committee discussion on the motion.

### **Substitute Motion**

06:21:15 Sen. Windy Boy proposed an amendment to the motion to allow for public comment tomorrow regarding the letter to be sent to OPI.  
06:22:34 Committee discussion on the motion.  
06:23:01 Rep. Doane made a substitute motion to wait to vote on the letter until after public comment tomorrow.  
06:23:48 Sen. Cohenour retracted her motion.  
06:24:11 Rep. Doane retracted his motion.

06:26:10 **Break.**

### **Continued discussion on the adoption of STRC Rules**

06:40:37 The committee discussed the use of proxies as part of its rules and procedures.

### **Motion/Vote**

06:45:43 Sen. Cohenour moved to allow proxies.

### **Substitute Motion/Vote**

06:46:46 Rep. Kipp made a substitute motion to allow the use of proxies for two meeting absences.  
06:47:31 Committee discussion on the substitute motion.  
06:52:29 The motion to allow the use of proxies for two meeting absences failed 4-4 ([Attachment 6](#)). Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted yes; Rep. Doane, Rep. Greef, Sen. Fielder, and Sen. Hansen voted no.  
06:52:31 The motion to allow proxies failed 4-4 ([Attachment 7](#)). Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted yes; Rep. Doane, Rep. Greef, Sen. Fielder, and Sen. Hansen voted no.

### **Motion/Vote**

06:53:14 Sen. Windy Boy moved to allow the use of a proxy for one meeting absence.  
06:53:32 Committee discussion on the motion.  
06:54:54 The motion to allow the use of a proxy for one meeting absence failed 4-4 ([Attachment 8](#)). Rep. Kipp, Rep. Perry, Sen. Cohenour, and Sen. Windy Boy voted yes; Rep. Doane, Rep. Greef, Sen. Fielder, and Sen. Hansen voted no.  
06:55:56 Sen. Fielder moved to recess the meeting.

### **Substitute Motion/Vote**

06:56:08 Sen. Cohenour proposed a substitute motion to disallow proxy votes.  
06:57:00 Committee discussion on the substitute motion.



07:21:09 Sen. Cohenour withdrew her motion.

07:22:01 The motion to recess the meeting passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **JULY 10, 2015**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN. JILL COHENOUR  
SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER  
SEN. KRISTIN HANSEN

REP. ALAN DOANE  
REP. EDWARD GREEF  
REP. GEORGE KIPP III  
REP. ZAC PERRY

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

SEN. JONATHAN WINDY BOY

### **STAFF PRESENT**

HOPE STOCKWELL, Lead Staff  
LAURA SANKEY, Staff Attorney  
KRISTINA LIMING, Secretary  
K'LYNN SLOAN HARRIS, Audio/Video Coordinator

### **VISITORS' LIST**([Attachment 9](#))

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

00:00:01 Rep. Doane called the meeting to order.  
00:00:15 The secretary took the roll. ([Attachment 10](#))  
00:00:55 Ms. Stockwell provided an update on topics the committee discussed the previous meeting day and provided the committee with copies of the final version of the Blackfeet Reservation brochure (**EXHIBIT 16**).  
00:01:05 Rep. Kipp arrived at the meeting.

### **CONTINUE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF WORK PLAN**

00:02:35 The committee discussed issues presented at the previous meeting by the Blackfeet tribal members and the possibility of including some within the work plan.

### **ADOPTION OF WORK PLAN OPTIONS**

00:16:30 The committee discussed the proposed work plan items and the staff time corresponding with each individual topic.  
00:23:41 The committee discussed meeting dates and the possibility of an additional off site reservation visit/meeting at the Fort Peck Reservation.

- 00:32:16 The committee agreed by consensus to tentatively move the St. Mary's Diversion and Canal from the work plan study list and place it on the agenda topics list for a future meeting.
- 00:33:30 The committee discussed the topic of public charter schools on reservations and other education focused topics related to tribal relations.
- 00:55:49 The committee agreed by consensus to reduce time allotted to the economic impact and financing of tribal colleges to .05 FTE and to the impact of charter schools on reservations to 0.025 FTE. The committee asked that the comparison of support to tribal colleges, community colleges, and units of MUS include federal support. The committee also decided to have panel discussions only at the specific request of the committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 01:00:42 The committee discussed cultural patrimony and sacred objects and sites.
- 01:08:02 The committee agreed by consensus to reduce the time allotted to cultural patrimony and sacred objects and sites to 0.15 FTE for research and compilation of data.
- 01:13:11 The committee discussed law enforcement jurisdictional issues. The committee agreed to remove sexual assault concerns from the work plan with the understanding that another interim committee is currently looking into that topic. The committee also requested that staff look further into tax sharing agreements currently in place between the state and reservations.

### **LISTENING SESSION WITH GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

- 01:27:56 Michael DeRosier, Chairman, Glacier County Commission, provided the committee with commission background, reservation data, and information mainly focusing on jurisdiction and tribal sovereignty.
- 01:58:49 Tom McKay, Glacier County Commission member, commented about his recent election to the commission and his experiences thus far as a member. He also provided examples of initiatives the commission has been involved with recently.

#### Committee Questions

- 02:04:52 Rep. Kipp commented about state and tribal relations and conflicts.
- 02:10:01 Sen. Fielder asked Ms. DeRosier about gas tax collection and road maintenance.

### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPDATE**

- 02:18:21 Jason Smith, State Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, provided the committee with an update on his office's programs, studies, and initiatives. He also reviewed information on three handouts that he provided to the committee: HB 301 Addresses Lack of Collateral, Produces Results (**EXHIBIT 17**) Executive Orders Establishing a State Office of American Health(**EXHIBIT 18**) Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Report (**EXHIBIT 19**)

#### Committee Questions

- 02:28:31 Sen. Hansen asked about the amount allotted for the creation of an HB 301 financing program.
- 02:31:06 Sen. Hansen asked Mr. Smith about the collateral on HB 301.
- 02:32:11 Rep. Kipp asked about the loan program logistics and the revolving loan fund.
- 02:36:19 Sen. Hansen commented about the barrier to business in the tribal unit as a whole due to the lack of ability to use trust lands as collateral. She asked how

- businesses are able to exist within the reservation with all of the current limitations on loan availability.
- 02:41:10 Sen. Fielder asked Mr. Smith about the state providing collateral and if there was a risk assessment involved in the process. She also asked about who is responsible if a default occurs.
- 02:45:55 Sen. Fielder asked about interaction with the committee not being reflected in the governor's 2014 State-Tribal Relations Report submitted to the committee.
- 02:46:52 Rep. Kipp commented about shortfall, trust property, poverty, and state and tribal relations.
- 02:51:51 Sen. Cohenour asked about suicide prevention and proven methodology requirements that allow for cultural methods being used in prevention.

#### Public Comment

- 02:54:05 Lila Evans, Browning, commented about her experience with trust property and issues with property ownership and financing on the reservation. She stated that she believes the problem could be addressed and fixed at the local tribal council level.

#### Committee Questions

- 02:57:20 Sen. Hansen asked Ms. Evans about descendant issues and the allowance of eligibility and who decides tribal membership. Mr. Smith assisted in answering the question.
- 03:02:22 Rep. Kipp commented about tribal membership laws that have been implemented in the past.

The following individuals commented about the revolving loan program:

- 03:06:55 Sen. Cohenour  
03:08:15 Sen. Fielder  
03:09:45 Sen. Hansen

03:11:12 **Break.**

- 03:22:57 Rep. Doane called the meeting back to order.

#### **LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

- 03:23:39 The committee discussed the draft letter to OPI regarding the language immersion funding implementation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **Motion/Vote**

- 03:24:01 Sen. Fielder moved to strike the final sentence in paragraph two of the letter to OPI. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 03:24:49 Sen. Fielder moved to approve the letter to be sent to OPI. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADOPTION OF WORK PLAN**

- 03:26:57 The committee discussed the topics it would like to move forward with under the draft work plan.
- 03:32:22 Ms. Stockwell distributed a document from the Legislative Audit Division with

information about payments to Montana tribes for FY 2014 (**EXHIBIT 20**). The committee discussed the information on the document.

03:35:39 The committee continued discussion on the draft work plan topics.

03:40:57 The committee agreed by consensus to fold financial assistance provided to tribes through state agencies in with the jurisdictional topic and award .075 FTE staff time to the two.

03:45:22 The committee continued discussion on the draft work plan.

03:56:52 The committee decided by consensus to leave the publication update off the work plan for possible consideration at the end of the interim.

03:57:37 The committee decided to add the Native American Gap Loan Financing Program and the suicide prevention planning as future meeting agenda items.

03:59:34 The committee continued discussion on the draft work plan and proposed meeting dates.

#### **Motion/Vote**

04:04:00 Sen. Hansen moved to adopt the work plan with staff time (FTE) allocated as follows

- cultural patrimony .015
- economic impacts .05
- jurisdictional issues: .015 ICWA/CPS and .03 tax sharing agreements in conjunction with .03 financial assistance data related to those jurisdictional issues
- St. Marys moved to agenda item
- charter schools .025 included with an informational session on education issues in July 2015
- publications held off until the end of the interim

04:06:43 The committee discussed the motion.

04:11:00 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADOPTION OF INTERIM STRC CALENDAR**

04:11:17 The committee discussed the proposed meeting dates for the interim. The committee proposed 2 day meetings in Helena in October 2015, July 2016, and September 2016. A combined trip to Rocky Boy's and Fort Peck Reservations was proposed in March or April 2016.

#### **Motion/Vote**

04:23:12 Sen. Cohenour moved to adopt the calendar as amended. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Committee Comments**

04:24:37 Rep. Kipp commented about his interest in receiving information about labor statistics on reservation.

#### **ADJOURN**

04:27:03 Rep. Doane adjourned the meeting.

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