

**STATEMENT
OF
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
JULY 12, 2001 HEARING
ON THE
GOALS AND PRIORITIES
OF THE
MEMBER TRIBES
OF THE
MONTANA-WYOMING TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL
FOR THE
107th SESSION OF THE CONGRESS**

The Committee meets this morning to receive testimony from the member tribes of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council on their goals and priorities for the 107th session of the Congress.

This hearing is the sixth in a series of hearings to gather this information from tribal governments across the country.

The Committee has also participated in two Tribal Leaders forums, in the Pacific Northwest and in Southern California, for the same purpose.

Testimony received from all of the Tribes will not only be published in the record of hearings, but a compendium of the goals and priorities identified by the Tribal governments will be published upon the conclusion of these hearings.

The goals and objectives that Indian Country has identified as priorities will guide the continuing development and refinement of the committee's legislative agenda for the 107th session of the Congress.

On behalf of the members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I welcome all of the witnesses here this morning.

We look forward to receiving your testimony.