

TZI-ZHO (10-2-09)

Yesterday, Friday, October 2, 2009, the Tzi-Zho Session began in Executive Session. The Osage Nation Congress was informed of the status regarding the lawsuit against the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

For those of you who are unaware of this suit, this is a quest to make the imaginary Osage Reservation boundaries encompassing 1.5 million acres majestically return. So far this government has spent over and above a million dollars and until our leaders accept the realities of this issue, they will continue to pour the people's money into this bottomless pit.

The outcome of the Executive Session is of course "top secret" and we, the people have no business concerning ourselves with it.

Upon their return to regular session, the Congress greeted an audience of 14 Washington University Students.

This University is located in St. Louis, Missouri.

YOUR CONGRESS AT WORK

Legislation was proposed that would give the people an opportunity to amend the constitution in this next election. Five (5) of these failed.

Debbie Atterberry had an across the board reason to vote NO on all five (5). Mrs. Atterberry's reasoning is that the Constitution is too young to be changed. She also credits the Reform Commission for their tireless work and dedication when creating this new government. She indicated that such amendments would have a major impact on the structure of the government. (do ya think?)

Congressman Supernaw defended the proposed legislation and indicated clearly to the "Nay Sayers" that passing the proposed legislation would not be an automatic amendment but would give the people an opportunity to vote for or against these measures during the 2010 election.

This made absolutely no difference to those who so diligently voted NO on these proposed pieces of legislation. So when you read the voting table provided below, keep in mind: Every NO vote is a vote AGAINST you, the people. Anytime, any Congress member voted NO, our promised Will of the People was denied by that individual.

Consistent NO votes on all five (5) proposals came from Debbie Atterberry, Shannon Edwards and Mark Freeman. Jerri Jean Branstetter voted NO on three Resolutions. Raymond Red Corn voted NO on one.

IMPORTANT NOTE

It is important to keep in mind which congress members are up for re-election in 2010. Mark Freeman stated during yesterday's meeting that he was NOT going to run for re-election. Unless Faren Anderson changes her mind and hopefully she will, there will be another seat open to replace her.

This will leave two seats in Congress to fill. The incumbents running for re-election are: Debbie Atterberry, Raymond Red Corn, Doug Revard and William "Kugee" Supernaw.

Six (6) year termers are: Shannon Edwards, Jeri Jean Branstetter, Mark Simms, Eddy Red Eagle, Archie Mason and Anthony Shackelford. (These members of course will not be running in this election.)

FOUNDATION BOARD APPROVAL & DISAPPROVAL

After the above mentioned disaster, the Congress was basically forced to move forward with approving or disapproving the Foundation Board. It was decided that each individual candidate would be voted on by secret ballot. For more information on this see page 2. The failed resolutions are on page 3.

Be sure to read the attached letter to Congressman Supernaw. Always remember, a pat on the back for a job well done will keep a good man going!

Please take time to let him know how much you appreciate his efforts.

I hope this information was helpful to you. Please save it for future reference and share it with your friends.



Regards! From: Jenny

The candidates for the foundation board:

- **Monte Boulanger**, is an Osage citizen working as a Senior Operations Manager in Bentonville, Arkansas, in charge of the Wal-Mart Corporation's Credit Card and Financial services across the western United States; and is Chairman of Tribal Voices an American Indian and Alaska Native Resource Group which advises Wal-Mart on cultural and community relevance issues.
- **Bill Kurtis**, is a world-renowned journalist and national television news anchorman with over thirty years of experience; an honorable military service record in both the Marines and Naval Reserve; and two Peabody Awards. He has also served on numerous Boards, including the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago; the Nature Conservancy of Illinois; the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library; the National; Park Foundation; and the Woolaroc Foundation.
- **Nancy Pillsbury Shirley**, is a long-time friend of the Osage people and Osage Museum. She has also been adopted into the Tzi-Zho Eagle Clan in honor of her great friendship and service to the Osage Nation. She is currently self-employed running the Pillsbury Marketing Company, and has served in senior positions on both the Ed & Harriett Pillsbury Foundation and the Harriet Pillsbury Foundation.
- **Alex Tallchief Skibine**, is an Osage citizen, with a French Baccalaureate in Philosophy, a Bachelors degree in Political Science and French Literature, and a Juris Doctorate. He is a distinguished law Professor at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. He has also served as Deputy Counsel for Indian Affairs on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in the United States House of Representatives; and as a Regional Representative for the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and a Staff Attorney and Project Director for the Institute for the Development of Indian Law. His works are widely published and he is a prolific author of legal articles.
- **Katsy Mullendore Whittenburg** is a self-employed Osage citizen who owns one of the largest historic ranches on the Osage reservation, with extensive Board experience, serving as Woolaroc Frank Phillips Foundation Trustee, on the Board of the River Oaks Bank in Houston, Texas; the Houston Museum of Fine Arts; and the American Quarter Horse Association of Amarillo. She is proud to have been the host for the largest fundraiser for Eldercare of Washington and Nowata Counties.

Monte Boulanger	Confirmed	8 yes—3 no
Bill Kurtis	Confirmed	6 yes – 5 no
Nancy Pillsbury Shirley	Not Confirmed	5 yes – 6 no
Alex Tallchief Skibine	Confirmed	7 yes – 4 no
Katsy Mullendore Whittenburg	Confirmed	9 yes – 2 no

ONCR 09-09	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XX, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation – This would have given the Osage Citizens reasonable guidelines to amend the constitution by petition.			
Atterberry, Debbie	NO		Telephone:	918-287-8850
Freeman, Mark	NO		Telephone:	918-605-1941
Branstetter, Jeri Jean	NO		Telephone:	918-695-7120
Edwards, Shannon	NO		Telephone:	405-850-6377

Measure failed due to these congress members.

ONCR 09-10	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation – This would have given the Osage Citizens reasonable guidelines to recall elected officials.			
Atterberry, Debbie	NO		Telephone:	918-287-8850
Freeman, Mark	NO		Telephone:	918-605-1941
Branstetter, Jeri Jean	NO		Telephone:	918-695-7120
Edwards, Shannon	NO		Telephone:	405-850-6377

Measure failed due to these congress members.

ONCR 09-12	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation. – This would have given the Osage Citizens reasonable guidelines to initiate a Referendum and Recall petition.			
Atterberry, Debbie	NO		Telephone:	918-287-8850
Freeman, Mark	NO		Telephone:	918-605-1941
Branstetter, Jeri Jean	NO		Telephone:	918-695-7120
Edwards, Shannon	NO		Telephone:	405-850-6377

Measure failed due to these congress members.

ONCR 09-13	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Articles III, VI, VII, VIII, XIII and XV of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change “membership” to “citizenship” and to change “eligibility” for membership to “right” to citizenship.			
Atterberry, Debbie	NO		Telephone:	918-287-8850
Freeman, Mark	NO		Telephone:	918-605-1941
Edwards, Shannon	NO		Telephone:	405-850-6377

Measure failed due to these congress members.

ONCR 09-14	A Resolution to provide for an election to amend Article VI, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Osage Nation to change the number of votes of members of Congress required to override a veto or line item veto from three-four (3/4) to two-thirds (2/3).			
Atterberry, Debbie	NO		Telephone:	918-287-8850
Freeman, Mark	NO		Telephone:	918-605-1941
Red Corn, Raymond	NO		Telephone:	918-287-7400
Shannon Edwards	NO		Telephone:	405-850-6377

Measure failed due to these congress members.