



JENNY'S NEWSLETTER

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Thomas Jefferson

CITIZEN INITIATIVE

Means exactly what it says. The citizens of the new Osage Nation Government have a right to initiate a petition for the purpose of rejecting or approving a bill or measure that has been passed by the Congress.

REFERENDUM

The right reserved to the people to approve or reject an act of the Congress. This right may be exercised by any voter, either acting individually or within an organization. If Congress passes a bill or measure that you are opposed to or if they reject a bill that you are supportive of, you have a right to petition the citizenry to have the bill placed on the ballot for the citizenry to decide.

In the event an act of Congress is repealed you have a right to initiate a referendum in the same manner to have the act reinstated.

A Referendum is not reserved only for the

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Citizens but Congress members sponsoring a bill may also practice referendum powers.

An Act passed by Referendum cannot be vetoed. The people have spoken.

RECALL

Recall is a procedure that allows citizens to remove and replace a public official before the end of a term of office.

WHAT'S IT MEAN TO US?

Article XI

CITIZEN INITIATIVE REFERENDUM AND RECALL in the Osage Nation Constitution can be found beginning on page 13. While it all sounds good and fair, it is less than satisfactory for several reasons.

Beginning in Section 2 and beyond when referring to "the person authorized by Osage law," that person according to Osage Law is the Election Supervisor of

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which just became available to us last month. 3 1/2 years late. Whether applications to even initiate a Referendum are available is questionable and the extreme qualifications for the Election Supervisor have yet to be met.

We have no Attorney General whom in most normal governments oversees the process of Initiative Referendums and Recalls, therefore, we have no one in place knowledgeable enough to prepare procedures and approve the finished product.

The petition would have to be signed by 15% of the electorate. This would be approximately 1,300 signatures. Though the approximate 8,600 eligible voters won't all vote, it makes no difference, it is 15% of the electorate that would have to sign the petition rather than 15% to 25% of the number that actually voted.

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There are no provisions in Osage Law allowing for E-petitions. Under our circumstances, this should be a real consideration. <http://www.petitiononline.com/ed2008/petition.html> I personally know all too well the pitfalls of trying to reach the citizenry when contact information is not available. It will not be until 2 months before the election that contact information will be made available to the candidates, denying the electorate an opportunity to be informed and educated before they vote as well as denying petitioners ample time to carry out their missions.

Because the Osage Nation Constitution provides that officials cannot be Recalled 6 months prior to the end of their term, any thoughts of taking such an action on the part of the citizenry was not made available because it is the Election Supervisor who according to Osage Law is responsible for carrying out the approvals. Was this the motive for

delaying the hiring of an Election Supervisor?

REGARDING MINERALS & REFERENDUMS

As we wait on Congressman Red Eagle's mysterious legislation regarding the Minerals Election, should we be considering a Citizen Initiative Referendum?

Well, in a normal, law abiding world, yes; but there is nothing law abiding about this government so here's what would happen:

Because Congressman Red Eagle has taken this task on and chooses to interfere in Minerals business, the Shareholders and Minerals Council must realize that a Citizens Initiative Referendum would once again include non-shareholders in the process of making decisions for the Minerals Estate.

Yes. 15% of the Osage Nation Government Electorate would include

non-shareholders; therefore, if the shareholders even wanted to exercise their rights on that front, because there are no provisions for a separate Minerals entity, the vote would be open to the entire electorate.

So the bottom line is that though the Osage Nation Constitution leads us to believe we have a voice, the process has not been made available and the Congress has failed to carry out the necessary laws to make it whole. It would be common to believe that the entire document is flawed not by accident but by agenda.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

If the Citizens want to initiate a Referendum to Recall Shannon Edwards for serious malfeasance or nonfeasance during her time in office due to her habitual absenteeism, she's up for grabs. Ms. Edwards is a 6 year term therefore well within the period that qualifies her to be recalled.



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Considering E-petitions have not been considered in Osage Law but will be proposed if I'm elected, catching people at the polls might just get you 1,300 to 1,500 signatures. It might be wise to strike while the irons hot along about June 7, 2010.

SPEAKING OF AGENDAS

It was called to my attention by several constituents that Raymond Red Corn sent out an update which indicated he was looking at the world through rose colored glasses. Due to the frustration of the constituents, I relented and read Red Corn's Update 113.

All I get from the Update is the same old thing. Red Corn clearly states not only once but twice that the information was all according to the Executive Branch. That's enough for me to determine that you can't believe a word it says.

At the end of the day, the truth will be known and once again the tribe will pay for the defiance of this administration and those who have supported and defended it such as Red Corn, Atterberry, Freeman and Edwards.

MONDAY, FEB. 8

You don't want to miss this! The 26th Special Session will begin at 10:00 a.m. The following notice was sent by the Osage Pre-Election News:

The 26th Special Session of Congress has been called for Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Osage Nation Chambers at 10:00 A.M. For more information see http://www.osage-tribe.com/congress/news_story.aspx?news_id=1718 All Osage Nation Shareholders and interested parties are encouraged to attend the Special Session as it is being reported that new

legislation is going to be proposed that may effect the Minerals Council Election. For those that cannot attend, the live broadcast of this Session should be available via the Osage Nation web site at <http://www.osage-tribe.com/index.aspx> or posted later for on demand listening at http://www.osage-tribe.com/main_view_video.aspx

UNTIL NEXT TIME

I urge all of you to be involved, voice your concerns, call on your Congress to assist you in whatever dreams, wishes or needs that you have and exercise your right to initiate legislation, share your ideas and be a dedicated member for the success of the tribe.

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