

THE PATTERN

All of the hoopla regarding the Fletcher case helped me realize a very interesting pattern. I vividly recall two and one half years ago, when I became passionately involved in this disturbing world of Osage politics and government, that every now and then, the call to “hurry, hurry, hurry” would come about.

Not one time have I seen this occur when it hasn't caused false hope, fear or huge mistakes. Take the ratification of the Constitution for example. Wasn't that a rush, rush situation?

I would encourage all of you to keep this in mind the next time you are urged to hurry. Be cautious. Take time to figure out what the real agenda is.

SPECIAL SESSION 18

ONCA 09-48, Proposed by Archie Mason, Speaker for the Osage Nation Congress, is a bill to take \$234,000.00 from;

- the Senior Citizens Title VI program (their meals)
- the Boys and Girls Club of Pawhuska
- the Pawhuska Kids Kampus
- Development Fund/Grants Management

This \$234,000.00 is needed to purchase Sugar Loaf Mound. A mound in St. Louis, Missouri that has no factual evidence indicating our people built it.

Without being overly critical of this notion, I would just hope that you and I are on the same page in thinking this is an outrage. Our seniors, teens and little ones being thrown under the bus, simply is NOT acceptable! We cannot devalue the Development Fund/Grants Management budget by any means either. Look at the shape we're in with HUD.

CONGRESS COMMENDED?

Well, this is truly unbelievable, but as usual, I have documents to prove it. Hear it for yourself:
http://www.osage-tribe.com/viewvideo.aspx?video=SpecialSession18_5-22-09.wma

Speaker Mason commended the 1 Million Dollar a year Congress for showing up for the 18th Special Session on May 22, 2009. Yes, even though their salaries are \$65,000.00 each a year, they have incidentals, etc, etc. So we pay One Million dollars a year to keep these poor souls going. . . According to the Constitution, one session cannot last longer than 24 days and there are only 2 sessions a year UNLESS they have the horrid experience of having to come back for a Special Session.

Sadly enough, the Congress was actually called to the 18th Special Session on May 22 and Speaker Mason said the following:

“I would like to welcome each of you for this Special Day, as each day is a very special day. We have been called and have responded this day. We are here to fulfill our obligation and have done so by setting aside convenience, setting aside personal and family plans, business and domestic responsibilities. I commend you for those decisions on your part to be here today”.

“We are here to exercise our congressional duties once again. We stand here to fulfill our legislative duties”

(I have attached a copy of the actual Journal for you as well).

WHILE LOOKING AT THE JOURNAL

Notice how Atterberry, Freeman and Red Corn voted on Congressman Supernaw's motion to override Gray's veto of ONCA 09-07. This Legislation was sponsored by none other than Debbie Atterberry, most likely at the encouragement of Jim Gray. The purpose was to modify appropriations to the Education Department to the tune of \$861,635.

RESPONSES FROM CONGRESS

If you recall, I sent two Memorandums to Congress. I received a haughty response from Raymond Red Corn (see attachment). These memos were requesting that Article XII – Removal be upheld and that Legislation for a Constitutional Convention

be proposed. Basic answers from Red Corn were “no” on both fronts.

Eddy Red Eagle responded by stating that I had valid points. The other 10 Congress members didn't respond at all.

I still haven't received further responses to my question about their plans to provide us with a legal election. Apparently they will do nothing as the Election Board still hasn't been appointed.

Since Gray's failure to appoint an Election Board is a clear case of Election Laws being broken, I guess our election will be run just like the one in Iran.

Ahmadinijan has total control, he won according to him, and so that's that!

THE NOTION OF FEAR

For anyone who doesn't believe or needs to prove to others that the people are fearful of this government, I've attached a pretty strong document that can help you back up the claim.

The document is the Transcription from Committee of the Whole Discussion--During FY 09 Hun-kah Session Day 8 on March 24, 2009

OSAGE NEWS – POLITICAL AD

This was a pleasant surprise -- My ad did make the June issue of the Osage News!

I am receiving calls and e-mails from people wanting to receive my newsletter so all the hassle was worth going through after all.

BUSINESS & POLITICS

Major, detailed studies have been made regarding the Challenges to Business and Economic Development in Indian Country. Here are the five serious challenges:

- 1) Separating Political leaders from Business decisions.
- 2) Responsibility is scattered across tribal programs and offices,

- 3) No coordination among these offices and programs nor with county and regional organizations,
- 4) Inadequate monitoring, inadequate assessment and inadequate planning
- 5) Failure to acknowledge PL 102-477 and implement USDA EZ/EC program. Both designed to assist tribes in improving coordination.

POLITICS & CULTURE

I've had 7 people complain about my campaigning during the dances. I suspect they were Gray fans due to the fact that I am actually informing the people of the facts. This is something Gray and perhaps some of the Congress members DO NOT want to happen.

Rest assured, I am a firm advocate of our culture and hope to be an active participant some day. I respect it enough not to jump in now. What kind of message would that send?

While advocacy is a good thing and we all should certainly be strong advocates of the Osage culture, the plain and simple fact is: If we don't have a culture, we don't have a tribe!

Rather than ridicule, humiliate and demean those of us who were not raised in the culture, clearly encouragement and friendship would be the true path to success and prolonged future of the tribe. Hopefully we will reach that point someday.

As far as my being disrespectful of the culture, I would just say that my numbers have grown with regard to website visits, e-mails and telephone calls and after handing out information at the Grayhorse dances, my numbers spiked higher than they have ever been. So evidently, those at the dances were not offended. I'm grateful for that.

Until next time, be safe and be happy!

Jenny Miller
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