

clearly not, to fix, reform, adjust, improve, streamline, downsize, and even terminate the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its trust activities.

These efforts have been pursued under both Republican and Democratic administrations. Unfortunately, they have rarely included meaningful involvement from tribal leadership, or recognized the Federal Government's treaty obligation to tribes.

I would be remiss if I did not commend this Administration for taking the time to travel to Indian Country to discuss this problem. Their interest in promoting dialogue with tribal leaders was welcome and appreciated. At the same time, however, talk must be supported by action if the trust management problem is to be successfully resolved.

The recent unveiling last month of the Department of the Interior's attempt to implement a trust reorganization plan without full tribal or congressional consultation in response to the Cobell v. Norton case was appalling and an egregious act by the federal government to Indian stakeholders. One tribal task force member described Interior's latest deceptive actions as "a sham." That sentiment is widespread in Indian Country and exacerbates an underlying frustration and disappointment that is both understandable and disconcerting.

I share this frustration and disappointment. And I am concerned that the progress made jointly last year could be wasted away by a rising tide of disillusionment and mounting sense of betrayal.

The message I have heard from tribal leaders is clear. What is needed to achieve true reform are clear trust standards, one clear line of authority for trust management and the resources necessary to achieve meaningful reform, respect for self-determination, and meaningful consultation.

Meaningful consultation and acceptance of tribal status is the critical starting point if we hope to find a workable solution to the very real problem of trust management. The bill Senators McCAIN, JOHNSON and I are introducing today reflects this conviction.

There is no more important challenge facing the tribes and their representatives in Congress than that of restoring accountability and efficiency to trust management. And nowhere do the principles of self-determination and tribal sovereignty come more into play than in the management and distribution of trust funds and assets.

I am disappointed that this problem was not solved to the satisfaction of tribal leaders in the last Congress. Yet, that fight is not over, and my commitment to my South Dakota tribal constituents and Indian Country on this important issue has not diminished.

Last week, the Senate Democratic leadership introduced its priority bills for the 108th Congress. I am proud that trust reform is included as part of our civil rights legislation.

An effective long-term solution to the trust problem must be based on government-to-government dialogue. The McCain/Johnson/Daschle bill will not only provide the catalyst for meaningful tribal involvement in the search for solutions, it can also form the basis for true trust reform. I look forward to participating with tribal leaders, Administration officials and my congressional colleagues in pursuit of this essential objective.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 20—MAKING MINORITY APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN SENATE COMMITTEES FOR THE 108TH CONGRESS

Mr. DASCHLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 20

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the minority party's membership on the following standing committees for the 108th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Mr. Harkin (Ranking Member), Mr. Leahy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Baucus, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Miller, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, and Mr. Dayton.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Byrd (Ranking Member), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Landrieu.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Levin (Ranking Member), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Clinton, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Sarbanes (Ranking Member), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Miller, Mr. Carper, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Corzine.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Hollings (Ranking Member), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Lautenberg.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Bingaman (Ranking Member), Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Cantwell.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Jeffords (Ranking Member), Mr. Baucus, Mr. Reid, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Carper, and Mrs. Clinton.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Baucus (Ranking Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Graham, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Kerry, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Biden (Ranking Member) Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Corzine.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Lieberman (Ranking Member), Mr. Levin, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mr. Kennedy (Ranking Member), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Clinton.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Leahy (Ranking Member), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Biden, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Dodd (Ranking Member), Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Durbin.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Mr. Kerry (Ranking Member), Mr. Levin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lieberman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Bayh, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Graham (Ranking Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Akaka, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Nelson of Nebraska.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Breaux (Ranking Member), Mr. Reid, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Carper, and Ms. Stabenow.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Conrad (Ranking Member), Mr. Hollings, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Corzine.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Reid (Vice Chairman), Mr. Akaka, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Inouye (Vice Chairman), Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reid, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Cantwell.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Rockefeller (Vice Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Mikulski.

Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Reed (Vice Chairman), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Sarbanes, and Mr. Bingaman.

The salary allocation for each Senate committee and subgroup shall reflect the level set forth in the Senate Joint Leadership letter which shall be printed in the Congressional Record following the adoption of this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 21—EX-PRESSING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND TO DESIGNATE SENATOR BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 21

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Robert C. Byrd for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President Pro Tempore.

Further, as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, Senator Robert C. Byrd is hereby designated President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1. Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 2,