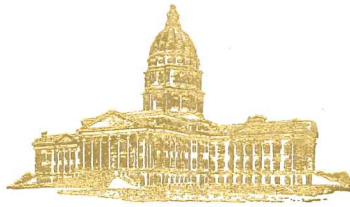


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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

It has been difficult to assign people to the Tribal Relations committee over the years. We have members of our caucus that are Native American who want to be on the Tribal Relations committee. If they're not on one of the three committees required in the current law, we can't put them on the Joint Committee on Tribal Relations. Members have diverse interests and don't necessarily want to be on one of the three committees required by law.

What we have been doing is subbing them onto Fed and State, Judiciary, or Tax on the day before Tribal Relations is scheduled to meet, so they may serve on Tribal Relations. It would be easier if we just change the law so we can appoint the people that want to be on that committee.

Rep. Tom Sawyer