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NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Native American Caucus

Minutes July 14th, 2007

Sacramento, CA Democratic Party E-Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Helen Doherty at 5:00PM

The minutes from the April 28, 2007 Caucus meeting at the California Democratic Party Convention in San Diego were passed out to the attending members for review. Chair Helen Doherty called for corrections or additions to the minutes. None were forthcoming and the Chair requested a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed and passed by a unanimous vote of the membership.

In the absence of Kyle Crandell, Treasurer, the Chair submitted the Treasurer's report and reported a total of \$8,163.71 in the Treasury. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted and was passed unanimously by the membership.

Old Business:

"California Native Justice and Equal Opportunity Legislative Initiative"

Chair Helen Doherty called upon Steve Haze, Vice Chair Fresno County Democratic Party to present his resolution involving Sovereignty noted under Old Business above.

Mr. Haze thanked the Chair for her interest and civility regarding their many discussions and phone conversations since the California Democratic Party Convention on April 28, 2007 when the resolution was first submitted and



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tabled. Mr. Haze also introduced the co-author of the resolution L. Wass, Representative of the American Indian Movement of Central California. His appeal for adoption of the resolution by the Native American Caucus was heard.

A general discussion broke out at that point and Carol Robb called for a point of order and requested the status of the resolution with the party be made clear to the membership present. Chair Helen Doherty advised that the resolution had been tabled.

Lara Larramendi, Parliamentarian, called for order and explained that Robert's Rules of Order must be maintained during the Caucus meeting.

Zephyr Tate-Mann then made a motion to remove, table, and vote on the adoption of the resolution. Robert Edwards seconded the motion and discussion and debate ensued. Carol Robb called for the question and then moved to terminate the debate. The motion was seconded by Judy Jacobs. The debate was then terminated by a majority vote of 25 yes to 7 nays.

The vote was then taken to remove the resolution from the table and passed.

Zephyr Tate-Mann then made a motion to adopt the resolution as submitted. The motion was seconded by John Gomez. Discussion ensued pro and con.

Concern was expressed by Chair Helen Doherty that there were not enough copies of the resolution to pass out to the Executive Board and the Membership. Her concern was that there was not a clear understanding of the resolution. Steve Haze then provided copies of the resolution to the Executive Board, however, there were a limited number of copies and none were given to the membership. John Senior then stated that a letter with the resolution had been sent out by the Caucus to all members. Chairman Dustin Graham of the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians then made a statement to the membership regarding sovereignty and the danger this resolution would create. His statement is attached to these minutes as a record of the objections to the resolution. He asked that all tribal members remember so difficult the battle has been to maintain tribal sovereignty and the court cases still ongoing.

Ken LaBright spoke in favor of the resolution and felt that adequate representation had not been given to disenfranchised members.

Morris Reed spoke against the resolution and pointed out to the membership that the NAC and the California Democratic Party were not the appropriate body to submit this resolution to, as they are powerless to change the situation. He recommended that all disenfranchised tribal members seek legal council immediately prior to the time sensitive nature of the statute of limitations.

Further discussion ensued and Carol Robb then called for the question and made a motion that we close the debate. Motion was seconded by Judy Jacobs and the motion was passed by the membership.

The vote was then called for and a request for the motion to be read prior to

the vote was made. The motion was read by Betty McMillion, Secretary for the Native American Caucus, as follows: "The NAC to adopt the resolution." The vote was taken in a majority of 24 yes and 13 nays. The motion was passed and the resolution adopted by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Betty McMillion reported on the Women's Issues Forum for 2008. The Forum will be held March of 2008 and is tentatively to be held at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa. The Key Note speaker invited will be Governor Bill Richardson. Workshops will again be held with experts in specific fields setting on each panel. California State Office Holders, State Senators, Assembly Members, and Congresswomen are expected to attend.

Judy Jacobs then reported on the Scholarship Committee activity. The applications will be distributed in November 2007 and selections to be made March 2008.

Chair Helen Doherty reported on legislation in the absence of Ron Andrade.

HR Bill 359, which is for a Park named after Caesar Chavez, is currently going through the legislature. The legislation reported was reported on at the April California Democratic Party Convention has passed and is now law. They are HR1328, HR1276, HR 1103, HR 1427, and HR 2010.

Of concern is the 2010 Census. The current form needs to be simplified for easier use, that concern will be addressed by the NAC.

Meeting time was being expended and given that there was no new business brought forth, a motion was called to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned following a unanimous vote by the body.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty McMillion
Secretary, Native American Caucus