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This year's NCAI Executive Council Session – “110th Congress Executive Council” – will focus on upcoming legislative issues that the members of the 110th Congress will be debating in this Session. Discussion will also center on the Bush Administration's budget proposal for FY08. The EWS meeting provides an opportunity for tribal leaders and advocates to visit congressional offices to discuss current legislative issues of concern.

NCAI strongly urges all of you to make appointments to visit your Senators and Representatives, as well as members of Congress without tribes in their districts who could benefit from an opportunity to hear from tribes. If we are to be successful, it is absolutely vital that Tribal leaders and advocates ACT NOW to educate and alert members of Congress on the key issues before us in the areas of appropriations, trust management, sovereignty protection, transportation, economic development, energy, health care, education, and other critical areas. There is perhaps no better time as we gather together in a powerful coalition with the goal of making our voices heard, bringing our issues to the highest-ranking officials of the federal government.

We strongly encourage you to attend this important session and take advantage of the time allotted for Hill visits. To schedule visits, contact the office of your Senators and Representatives as well as any other offices you would like to visit. If you wish to meet with the Member directly, request the fax number to send a meeting request to the scheduler. You should fax your meeting request **IN WRITING** to the scheduler, and follow up to ensure the request was received.

We have set aside Wednesday, February 28, 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 1, 1:00-5:00 p.m. for Capitol Hill visits.

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Week-In-Brief

Date	Time	Event	Room
Sunday, Feb. 25	9:00-11:00	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Indian Women	
	10:00-5:00	NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting	Sherwood
	1:00-5:00	Administration of Justice in Indian Country	Belle Air
Monday, Feb. 26	8:30–5:00	NCAI Registration	Ballroom Foyer
	8:30-5:30	Rules & Credentials	Stratford Hall
	8:30-10:30	Farm Bill Strategy Session	Westover
	9:00-Noon	Effective Congressional Advocacy Workshop	Belle Air
	9:00-Noon	Administration of Justice in Indian Country	Ashlawn South
	10:30-Noon	Trust Reform	Westover
	Noon	NCAI Press Conference	Woodlawn
1:00-5:00		1st General Assembly Posting of Colors Invocation Call to Order - Joe A. Garcia President's Report Joe A. Garcia, NCAI President 1:30-2:00 Secretary Mike Johanns Department of Agriculture 2:00-2:20 Executive Director's Report Jacqueline Johnson, NCAI Executive Director 2:40-3:00 Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) 3:00-3:20 Charles Johnson, Assistant Sec., HHS 3:20-4:00 New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson 4:30-5:00 Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano	Vista Ballroom
	7:00-10:00	9th Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Dinner	Vista Ballroom

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Tuesday, Feb. 27	8:00–5:00	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
	8:00–5:00	Rules & Credentials	Stratford hall
	8:30-Noon	2nd General Assembly	Vista Ballroom
		Call to Order - Jefferson Keel NCAI First Vice-President	
	8:30-Noon	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	9:05-9:25	Secretary Alphonso Jackson Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	
	9:25-9:45	Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	
	9:45-10:00	Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th-NJ)	
	10:20-10:40	Mike Jackson, President, Quechan Indian Nation	
	10:00-12:00	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	Noon-1:30	Lunch (on your own)	
	1:30-5:00	3rd General Assembly	Vista Ballroom
		Call to Order - Juana Majel NCAI Recording Secretary	
	1:30-4:25	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	2:15-2:35	Congressman Tom Cole (R-4th-OK)	
	2:45-3:05	Secretary Jim Nicholson, Veterans Affairs	
	3:05-3:25	Senator John Tester (D-MT)	
	3:25-5:00	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	5:00	Recess	
	6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Legislative Reception Co-Hosted by NCAI and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian	NMAI

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Wednesday, Feb. 28	8:30-Noon	4th General Assembly	Vista Ballroom
	1:00-5:00	Call to Order - W. Ron Allen NCAI Treasurer	
	9:10-Noon	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	9:10-9:30	Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)	
	9:30-9:50	Congressman Dale Kildee (D-5th MI)	
	10:00	Consideration of NCAI Dues Increase At the NCAI Annual Convention in October, the General Assembly postponed consideration of an increase in membership dues until this time at the Executive Council Session. A follow-up memorandum was distributed on January 19, 2007. Please have your NCAI voting credentials in order. This will be a vote of the tribal delegates only and will be one vote per tribe.	
	11:00-11:20	Congressman Rick Renzi (R-1st -AZ)	
	11:20-12:30	Congressional and Administration Updates	
	12:30	Adjournment	
	1:00-5:00	SCHEDULED CAPITOL HILL VISITS	
		POST-MEETINGS	
	1:00-3:00	Economic Summit Preparatory Session	Woodlawn
	1:00-5:00	Federal Recognition	Ashlawn South
	1:00-2:00	Adam Walsh Act Implementation	Ashlawn North
	2:00-5:00	Meth Task Force	Ashlawn North
	3:00-4:00	Federal Contracting Roundtable	Woodlawn

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Monday, Feb. 26	5:30-7:00 p.m.	<i>A Mid-Winter Gathering</i> A reception hosted by the attorneys of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP. Contact: Terry Evans, TEvans@kilpatrickstockton.com or 202-508-5849	Ashland South
	5:15-7:00 p.m.	Native American Leadership Program Honors Reception. Hosted by Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Join Chairman Mike Marchand of the Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation and Current NALP Interns to celebrate our First Nations public service leaders of tomorrow. Contact: Jennifer Parsons at 202-336-7545 or jenniferp@twc.edu.	Monticello East
	5:00-7:00	Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr Reception	Ashlawn North
	5:00-7:00	“Prez on the Rez”--A reception to announce the first ever presidential forum held in Indian Country. Hosted by NDN’s List Education Fund.	Monticello West
Tuesday, Feb. 27	8:15 a.m.	Senators Tim Johnson and Max Baucus Breakfast Benefiting the Baucus Johnson Victory Fund Please RSVP to Andrea Porter at 202-775-9100 or andrealporter@gmail.com	Charlie Palmers
	Noon-1:30	12th Annual Indian Women’s “Supporting Each Other Lunch.” Please RSVP with Julie Johnson at 360-645-2077.	Monticello West

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Tuesday, Feb. 27	Noon-1:00	Lunch Fundraiser for Congressman Rick Renzi. Suggested contribution is \$2,000 and checks should be made payable to Rick Renzi for Congress. Please RSVP to Debbie Ho at (202) 419-3523 or dho@ietan.com or Aurene Martin at (202) 419-3540 or amartin@ietan.com if you would like to attend.	Ashlawn North
	6:00-9:00	National American Indian Housing Council Open House Reception. Meet Executive Director Paul Lumme. O'Dourves and beverages provided.	50 F Street, NW Suite 3300
Wednesday, Feb. 28	8:00-9:00	“Breakfast Honoring Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Congressman Dale Kildee” Please RSVP to Francesca Gage at 202-543-0624 or gage@kennedyforri.com	Monticello East
	10:00-5:00	Native American Employment and Training Council	Sherwood
	1:00-5:00	NIGA/NCAI Gaming Task Force Meeting	Marriot Metro Center
Thursday, March 1	8:00-5:00	Native American Employment and Training Council	
	9:00-Noon	Tribal Homeland Security and Border Issues Security Briefing	NCAI Offices
	10:00-2:00	FCC/NCAI Telecom Subcommittee	FCC building, 8th floor. Room: 8-B516