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SWAMP TALES:
TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE
TRUMP ERA

AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS
MIDYEAR CONVENTION

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TRUMP'S FIRST 123 DAYS

Early Winners

- Big Oil
- Nationalists
- The Left
- Hard partisans

Early Losers

- Predictability
- Russia
- Economically disadvantaged
- Legislation

Undecided

- Indian nations

TRUMP'S FIRST 123 DAYS

- Appointees - 460 of the 557, about 18%
- Special counsel
- “Deconstruction of the Administrative State”
- 2 for 1 regulations

- Highly divided Congress
- Nuclear on Justices
- Obamacare repeal and replace
- DAPL and Keystone Pipeline
- Climate change - Scott Pruitt, budget cuts to NOAA, Paris accord

TRUMP'S FIRST 123 DAYS

Key Appointments

- Justice Neal Gorsuch
- Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
- Attorney General Jeff Sessions
- Dr. Ben Carson
- Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs?

SENATE LEADERSHIP

Republican

- Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY)
- Assistant Republican Leader John Cornyn (TX)
- Republican Conference Chairman John Thune (SD)
- Vice Chairman of the Republican Conference Roy Blunt (MO)
- Policy Committee Chairman John Barrasso (WY)
- NRSC Chairman Cory Gardner (CO)

Democrat

- Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (NY)
- Whip Dick Durbin (OH)
- Assistant Leader Patty Murray (WA)
- DSCC Chairman Chris Van Holland (MD)

SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Republicans

- John Hoeven, Member Chairman (ND)
- John Barrasso, Member (WY)
- John McCain, Member (AZ)
- Lisa Murkowski, Member (AK)
- James Lankford, Member (OK)
- Steve Daines, Member (MT)
- Michael Crapo, Member (ID)
- Jerry Moran, Member (KS)

Democrats

- Tom Udall, Member Vic Chairman (NM)
- Jon Tester, Member (MT)
- Maria Cantwell, Member (WA)
- Al Franken, Member (MN)
- Brian Schatz, Member (HI)
- Heidi Heitkamp, Member (ND)
- Catherine Cortez Matso, Member (NV)

OTHER SENATE COMMITTEES

- Appropriations
 - Thad Cochran (MS) and Pat Leahy (VT)
- Finance
 - Orrin Hatch (UT) and Ron Wyden (OR)
- Health, Education, Labor, Pensions
 - Lamar Alexander (TN) and Patty Murray (WA)
- Judiciary
 - Chuck Grassley (IA) and Dianne Feinstein (CA)

ATNI SENATORS

- Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch from Idaho
- Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan from Alaska
- Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris from California
- Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell from Washington
- Sens. Jon Tester and Steve Daines from Montana
- Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley from Oregon

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

- Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (WI)
- Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA)
- Majority Whip Steven Scalise (LA)
 - Chief Deputy Whip Patrick McHenry (NC)
- Conference Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)
- NRCC Chairman Steve Stivers (OH)

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

- Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi
- Democratic Whip: Steny Hoyer (MD)
- Democratic Caucus Chair Joe Crowley (NY)
- Democratic Caucus Vice Chair Linda Sanchez
- DCCC Chair Ben Ray Lujan (NM)

HOUSE COMMITTEES / NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS

- Committee on Natural Resources
 - Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT)
 - Ranking Democrat Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
- Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs Subcommittee
 - Chairman Dough LaMalfa (R-CA)
 - Ranking Democrat Norma Torres (D-CA)
- Native American Caucus
 - Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK; Chickasaw)
 - Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)

HOUSE COMMITTEES

- Appropriations
 - Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (NJ)
 - Ranking Member Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)
 - Interior Subcommittee:
 - Chairman Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
 - Ranking Member Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)
 - Tom Cole will Chair Labor, HHS, Education
- Ways & Means
 - Chairman Kevin Brady (TX)
 - Ranking Member Richard Neal (MA)
- Education & Labor
 - Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (NC)
 - Ranking Member: Rep. Bobby Scott (VA)

OUTLOOK AND ENGAGEMENT

- Federal agency reorganization
- “Indian” as racial classification
- Fee-to-trust
- Health care protection
- TLSA / NLRA
- Tax reform
- Climate change
- *Carcieri* Fix
- Federal programs for tribes and Indians