

NOTES TO THE NATION SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

HEARING TODAY ON CHIEF'S SUIT AGAINST THE OFPR

The first hearing on the Chief's suit against Kelly Corbin, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Performance Review was held today at the Osage Tribal Court. Presiding Judge was the honorable, Marvin Stepson.

The Chief has sued to have a permanent injunction issued against the OFPR.

This is the department which operates as an arm of the Congress, formerly called the Internal Audit Department. That department was also the subject of a suit by the Chief.

The function of the department is to promote accountability and transparency in government and to do performance audits on the departments of the Nation. It attempts to determine if laws are carried out as the Legislature intended and to look for ways to improve efficiency and economy in operations.

The suit seeks to place a permanent injunction on the department and stop its work.

The actual trial has been set for February 19, 2009. At least until then the OFPR can go on with its work.

ALL THE MAJOR BUDGET BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED

The budget process has been a long, grueling journey. Many hours have been devoted to the task by members of Congress and staff. Every meeting began with a prayer and most ended in a frown.

Here are the links to the major bills. All are subject to changes beginning tomorrow.

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ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN RED EAGLE BIRTHDAY IS SUNDAY

Assistant Chief John Red Eagle will be celebrating his birthday Sunday. Even though he is reaching the big 60, many people say he only looks 59 ½.