

Commission to hold economic development hearings in Phoenix

Ernest L. Stevens, American Indian Policy Review Commission Director, announced recently that the commission will hold hearings on Indian economic development May 29 and 30 outside Phoenix, Arizona, at the Scottsdale Hilton, 6333 N. Scottsdale and Lincoln, Scottsdale 85253.

The purpose of the hearings—which will be held from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on May 29, and from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on May 30—is to obtain public testimony and focus national attention on certain vital issues. Among these are:

- the effectiveness of certain federal agencies in promoting economic development among Indian people;
- alternatives to the present method of promoting development;
- problems of Indian development of resources;
- problems of state taxation of Indian resources; and
- issues raised by the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act in regards to Native development and control of their resources.

Testimony at the Phoenix hearings will be presented by Indian tribes, organizations and individuals, and by representatives from the BIA and other federal agencies. The hearings will be conducted on both days by Sen. James Abourezk (D-SD), AIPRC chairman.

The commission requests all those submitting testimony to make five copies to be available at the hearings. Any amount of written testimony and additional documents for the record may be submitted. There will be time

limits on oral testimony, to be determined by the number of witnesses appearing. The commission will first hear scheduled witnesses and then will hear testimony from others as time permits.

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