

JULY 5TH 2011 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

LR No. 11-10

Introduced by Senator Oliver Half
Center Lodge District

A Legislative Resolution Titled:

A Resolution of the Crow Tribal Legislature to Require Written Authorization from the Executive Branch Chairman for any Non-Elected Executive Branch Employee or Official to Make Decisions or Express Opinions Concerning Tribal Legislation on Behalf of the Chairman

Legislative Findings:

WHEREAS, the Crow Tribal Legislature (“Legislature”) is authorized to adopt resolutions and guidelines for the governance of the Crow Tribe pursuant to Article V, Section 2(a) of the 2001 Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the 2001 Constitution provides that the Legislature must conduct meetings in accordance with the most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order and any rules of conduct approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is common practice for employees of the Crow Tribal Executive Branch, including attorneys, to make decisions as to the content of proposed legislation without apparent prior approval from the Executive Branch Chairman; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has an interest in ensuring that all decisions made as to the content of proposed legislation be made in full consideration of the expressed viewpoints of the Executive Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION:

That the Rules of Order of the Crow Tribal Legislature are hereby amended to include the following as Rule 32.

Rule 32: Executive Branch Letter of Authorization; Executive Branch Comments on Proposed Legislation.

- A. Before any testimony or opinion concerning tribal legislation pending before the Legislature is received by any Executive Branch employee, officer, or agent, such person shall be required to have a letter of authorization signed by the Executive Branch Chairman and notarized by the Executive Branch Secretary which establishes the following:
1. The extent to which the Executive Branch employee, officer, or agent may make recommendations or statements of opinion concerning the content of pending legislation; and
 2. The effective date of any such authorization described in part (1) above and the duration of the authorization.
- B. If no letter of authorization is made by the Executive Branch Chairman for a specific piece of legislation, and the Executive Branch Chairman's opinions or viewpoints are not otherwise in writing, the Executive Branch Vice-Chairman shall be deemed the authoritative spokesperson on behalf of the Executive Branch.
- C. Each of the elected Executive Branch Officials shall be entitled to offer written or oral opinions or viewpoints, including sworn testimony, as to any legislation pending before the Legislature. All such presentations made before the Legislature in session shall be in accordance with the Rules of Order.
- D. The requirements of this Rule shall not apply to any Executive Branch employee, officer, or agent who appears before the Legislature or a Legislative Branch committee under legislative subpoena.

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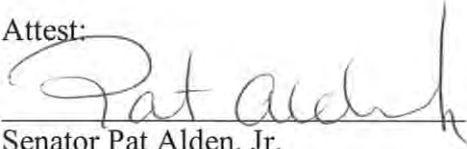
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this **LR 11-10** was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of **14** in favor, **0** opposed, and **0** abstained and that a quorum was present on this **5th** day of **July 2011**.



Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr.
Speaker of the House
Crow Tribal Legislature

Attest:



Senator Pat Alden, Jr.
Secretary
Crow Tribal Legislature

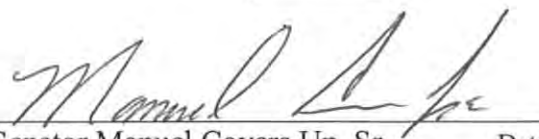


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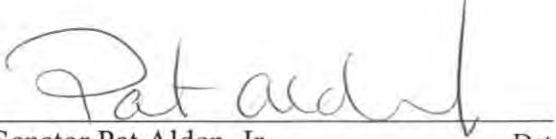
Bill or Resolution: LR11-10 Introduced by: Crow Tribal Legislature Date of Vote: 7/05/2011
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<u>Representative:</u>	Yes	No	Abstained
H. Two Leggins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Pretty Paint	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. J. Stewart	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Shane	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
S. Backbone	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
O. Half, Jr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
W. Plainfeather	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Old Crow, Sr.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Not Afraid	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
V. Crooked Arm	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. DeCrane	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C. Goes Ahead	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Hugs	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
G. Real Bird, Jr.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Backbone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
D. Wilson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
P. Alden, Jr. <i>Secretary of the House</i>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Covers Up, Sr. <i>Speaker of the House</i>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals:	<u> 14 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>

Result of Vote: Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto-Override



 Senator Manuel Covers Up, Sr. Date
 Speaker of the House



 Senator Pat Alden, Jr. Date
 Secretary of the House