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1 (Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.)

2 RICKY BURNETT: We'll call the Tribal Council of
3 the Lumbee Tribe to order. At this time, I'm going to call on
4 Mr. Welford, if he would, to lead us in our invocation. And as
5 you stand, I ask you to remain standing because we'll have our
6 Pledge of Allegiance, and also our Preamble.

7 And if you have a cell phone, at this time, if you
8 could put it on vibrate or just cut it off, I'd appreciate it.
9 Thank you very much. Mr. Welford?

10 WELFORD CLARK: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ray Littleturtle
11 began a prayer at this Council about last month or so, back in
12 the beginning. And what he said, the words touched my heart so
13 good. I went to him and I asked him if I was ever called on to
14 pray, would he let me borrow the words that he used. And he said
15 fine.

16 But, Mr. Ray Littleturtle asked us when we stood
17 to pray, he said that he wanted us to put all the outside
18 thoughts behind us, leave them outside. And he said he wanted us
19 to remember our elders. And he said that we also -- we need to
20 remember those who are in harm's way on our behalf around the
21 world. So, before we pray, just for a few seconds, let's
22 contemplate on those things.

23 (A moment of silence was held.)

24 (Invocation was given by Tribal Councilman Welford
25 Clark.)

1 RICKY BURNETT: Amen. Mr. James Harold, would you
2 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

3 (Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Tribal Councilman
4 James H. Locklear.)

5 RICKY BURNETT: If the Tribal Council would join
6 with me in the reading of our Preamble to the Tribal
7 Constitution. Together, let us read:

8 **Preamble to the Tribal Constitution:**

9 "In accordance with the inherent power of self-
10 governance of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the Tribe
11 adopts this Constitution for the purposes of establishing a
12 tribal government structure, preserving for all time the Lumbee
13 way of life and community, promoting the educational, cultural,
14 social and economic well-being of Lumbee people, and securing
15 justice and freedom for the Lumbee people."

16 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you. Madame Secretary, would
17 you do our roll call, please?

18 (Roll call was given by Tribal Councilwoman Louise
19 Mitchell. The following Tribal Council members were in
20 attendance.)

21 Audrey Revels Hunt, District 1

22 Sharon Hunt, District 2

23 L. Louise Mitchell, District 2

24 Laura B. Sampson, District 3

25 Pam Spaulding, District 3

1 Helen Locklear, District 4
2 Kernice L. Locklear, District 5
3 Charles Bullard, District 5
4 Larry Chavis, District 6
5 James Deese, District 6
6 Ray Littleturtle, District 7
7 James H. Locklear, District 7
8 Terry Campbell, District 7
9 Steve Sampson, District 8
10 James T. Smith, District 9
11 Bradley McMillian, District 10
12 Linda Revels, District 11
13 Furnie Lambert, District 12
14 Shelley Strickland, District 12 (Absent)
15 Ricky Burnett, District 13
16 Welford Clark, District 14
17 LOUISE MITCHELL: We have a quorum.
18 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you. Let me say as the Tribal
19 Speaker, before we go into the next item on, I have a
20 presentation that I would like to present tonight. I would like
21 to ask Mr. Shawn Pevia if he would come forward.
22 As some of you will know, when Ms. Sharon gives
23 her presentation as far as the hearing that we had on Wednesday
24 of trying to go up. Money is a little tight on the Tribe in
25 trying to go places. And this gentleman has done something for

1 us. And we just want to recognize him.

2 (Presentation to Mr. Shawn Pevia.)

3 This says, "A Tribal Certificate of Commendation
4 is to certify that the Tribal Speaker of the Tribal Council of
5 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina acknowledges Mr. Shawn Pevia and
6 Peterson Toyota of Lumberton. The Speaker of the Tribal Council
7 of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina presents this Certificate
8 of Commendation with heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Shawn Pevia
9 and Peterson Toyota of Lumberton for the use of a van free of
10 charge to drive to Washington, D.C. so that the Tribal Council
11 members could attend a Congressional Hearing on H.R. 31, the
12 Lumbee Federal Acknowledgment Act. Signed, Tribal Speaker of the
13 Tribal Council, Ricky Burnett, 3/19/2009."

14 (Applause and standing ovation was given.)

15 MR. PEVIA: I appreciate this and on behalf of the
16 dealership. And I'll tell you what, in times like these,
17 everybody's in a crunch. And if this economic slump hasn't hit
18 everybody, I don't know what you're doing. You're doing
19 something right. But, I'll tell you one thing I do know, that if
20 you live by God's economy, it won't be so bad.

21 And I want to thank the Lord for this opportunity
22 and everything that he's done for me. Because that's where I am
23 and that's why I have the things that I have. And I just
24 appreciate you guys and I appreciate this award. Thank you.

25 (Applause was given.)

1 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we will go to our
2 next item on the agenda, the Review and the Approval of our
3 Agenda.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Speaker, there will -- some of
5 you have copies that will be information in your packet. It's
6 minutes from a special-called meeting, and also a resolution that
7 was done at that special-called meeting. So, those are additions
8 into your agenda tonight, or packet for you to have your own.

9 RICKY BURNETT: Any others? I need a motion to
10 accept the agenda.

11 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I make a motion.

12 RICKY BURNETT: I have a motion, need a sed.

13 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Second.

14 RICKY BURNETT: Been moved and seconded. All in
15 favor would say aye.

16 (Ayes were given.)

17 ("Motion 1" - A motion to accept agenda with addition
18 was passed.)

19 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Kernice made the motion and it
20 was seconded by Mr. Furnie Lambert. At this time, to make note,
21 it says Review and Approval of January. That needs to be
22 corrected. That should be Review and Approval of the February
23 Tribal Council Minutes and Actions. So, if you would make a pen
24 and ink change to that.

25 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I make a motion that we approve

1 February.

2 RICKY BURNETT: I have a motion by Mr. Ray for
3 February.

4 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Second.

5 RICKY BURNETT: Been seconded by Mr. James.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: May I just add a comment to that,
7 Mr. Speaker? In those actions, too, you will not find your
8 motion actions, only in your verbatim minutes at the back. We
9 were not able to get the other form that is normally due that
10 shows you the motions. But, that will be coming to you at the
11 next meeting.

12 And also, not in your packet is the -- some of the
13 resolutions that were supposed to be signed by us. So, you'll be
14 getting those. It will be mailed out Friday.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Any other questions? Hearing none,
16 all in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

17 (Ayes were given.)

18 RICKY BURNETT: All opposed?

19 (No nays were given.)

20 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carried.

21 ("Motion 2" - Motion for Review and Approval of
22 February Tribal Council Actions and Minutes was passed.)

23 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we'll have the
24 Community Comments. Mr. Patrick do you have that? Thank you.
25 At this time, we'll hear from Mr. Eric Locklear.

1 **Community Comments**

2 ERIC LOCKLEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you,
3 Tribal Council. I'd like to begin by first saying I think that
4 it -- I'd like to recommend that the Tribal Council possibly
5 extend an opportunity for advertisement to Peterson Toyota on the
6 Tribal website, after them having benefactored us with such a
7 nice gift for the visit to Washington.

8 I begin by thanking our two North Carolina
9 Commission of Indian Affairs representatives, Furnie Lambert and
10 Ray Littleturtle, who were a part of the Indian Unity Conference
11 a couple of weeks ago, and affirmed your nomination, Tribal
12 Council, to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Board. Wendy
13 Moore-Graham was appointed through the Indian Unity Conference
14 and is a standing member of the Indian Cultural Center Board.

15 We also received nominations of Lesley Jones from
16 the Waccamaw-Siouan, and Chief Carter from the Coharie. I
17 thought I'd give you that update. My reason for coming to you
18 tonight is that example right there is an example of hope. We're
19 moving forward with the Indian Culture Center, and my thoughts
20 tonight with you would be around hope. You've got to give them
21 hope.

22 Times are tough right now in our world, but if you
23 want the rainbows, you got to put up with the rain. Jimmy Goins
24 has served as Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe for the past six
25 years. Lumbee People are better off today than when he first

1 took office. Names are beginning to surface in our community
2 about those who would seek to succeed Chairman Goins.

3 It's possible to find someone who can lead a
4 democracy better. But, it's impossible to find someone to better
5 a democracy than the people. I'm asking Tribal members to
6 realize and assume the responsibility that we have to each other.
7 Don't be kidnapped by individual politicians, political machines
8 or untruths that tell you that change in our Tribal Government
9 can or will occur with one person. It will take all of us to
10 insure all Lumbee People become better off than they are right
11 now for the next Tribal Administration.

12 As you are approached to rally or commit your
13 support in voting for Tribal Chairman, exercise the right and the
14 duty of your vote to listen to all of the people to make the
15 decision that you feel is best for all Lumbee People. I've asked
16 the candidates for Tribal Chairman to participate in one or more
17 debates that will allow the Lumbee People to best understand
18 their plans for our people, and to determine their capacity to
19 deliver those plans.

20 Don't be quick to make uninformed decisions as the
21 campaign for Tribal Chairman unfolds. The final time for you to
22 make your decision when voting is when you cast your ballot.
23 That is your right. The best time for you to make your decision
24 when voting is when you've questioned and listened to all
25 candidates.

1 The highest title in the land of the Lumbee is not
2 chairman. The highest title is Lumbee People. The Tribal
3 Council seated before you is living proof that when united in a
4 common purpose, Lumbee People together can produce change. In
5 2009, our Tribal Council has been productive, unified,
6 successful, respectful, compassionate, creative in purpose, and
7 committed to insuring that as many Lumbee People as possible are
8 better off in their future.

9 Our Tribal Council is a result of change,
10 substantial change. Substantial change is good. The unfolding
11 administration of President Obama is about substantial change.
12 4.7 million awarded recently to Lumbee People as a result of the
13 stimulus package is substantial and good change.

14 Finally, candidate Obama hoped that we could do
15 better as a nation. He gave that hope to people. The people
16 have given President Obama the power to revitalize and generate
17 more hope. Let's do that for the Lumbee People. You gotta give
18 them hope.

19 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Mr. Locklear. At this
20 time, we will go into our Committee Reports. Mr. Locklear was
21 the only individual who had signed for Community Comments. At
22 this time, we'll hear from Constitution and Ordinance. Ms.
23 Louise.

24 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Mr. Speaker.

25 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Ray?

1 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I make a motion that we take those
2 words that Eric just spoke and enter them into the record for
3 prosperity.

4 RICKY BURNETT: I have a motion. Need a second.

5 TERRY CAMPBELL: I second it.

6 RICKY BURNETT: Been moved and seconded.

7 Questions? All in favor of such, let it be known by saying aye.

8 (Ayes were given.)

9 RICKY BURNETT: Any opposed?

10 (Nays were given.)

11 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries. Two nos.

12 ("Motion 3" - Motion to enter Eric Locklear's Community
13 Comments into the record was passed.)

14 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Louise?

15 **Constitution and Ordinance Committee Report**

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: My report is real brief. As you
17 look in your packet, the Appointment Process and
18 Constitutionality of Tribal Courts, that was a decision that was
19 made at the last meeting. And we didn't need a resolution, so
20 Patrick didn't know at the time. So, just delete that.

21 We are working on amending some of our ordinances.
22 And Mr. Kernice brought to my attention one that we're working on
23 on membership. We cannot bring those until we're through with
24 each ordinance that we're going to amend. We had been working on
25 a amendment for our quorum meetings, too. So, when you don't

1 hear a report from the Constitutional, it's not that we're not
2 working.

3 We are working and we just can't bring a ordinance
4 every time. It takes time. We have to work with it. So, I just
5 hope everyone will understand that. Thank you.

6 RICKY BURNETT: Any questions for --

7 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, can we go back to the
8 vote that we just had? Can we go back for a minute, which was
9 the one that Mr. Ray --

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: On Eric entered into the minutes.

11 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yeah, that Mr. Ray Littleturtle
12 made a motion for and a second. I listened to -- now, I listened
13 carefully to the speech that Mr. Locklear was making. And to me,
14 it's the same thing that every one of us up here is probably
15 thinking about, or thought about, have talked about, have
16 discussed and done. And any one of us could sit down and write
17 that same thing down.

18 And you, being the Speaker, I think you should be
19 the one to give that kind of information to the Tribal Council
20 and to the people. And so, you know, I can't support that
21 because what Ray is suggesting here is that Mr. Eric is going to
22 be writing all kind of information for us to -- to either agree
23 upon, to put it in ordinance, or put it in resolution, or put it
24 in fact or whatever.

25 But, these are trivial -- it's not -- it's trivial

1 in the sense that a child can sit down and write those kind of
2 proposals. Now, I think we need to withdraw that motion and go
3 back to the original board or whatever. Now, I do.

4 RICKY BURNETT: On that, Mr. James, I meant --
5 well-noted as what you have spoken to us. But, the motion has
6 been made, it's been seconded, and the vote has already been
7 taken.

8 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Okay, all right.

9 RICKY BURNETT: Okay?

10 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Okay. I just wanted to voice my
11 opinion about it, that's all.

12 RICKY BURNETT: Okay.

13 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I'd like to defend my motion.

14 Abraham Lincoln stood on the back of a train in Illinois and made
15 a speech. Any of us could write the same speech a hundred years
16 later, or an hour and fifteen minutes after he made the speech.
17 So, to say what you've got in your mind is one thing, but what
18 you put on your lips is another.

19 What I had in mind, those are words for us all to
20 think about. And it's no big pat on Eric's back. He just
21 happened to be the deliverer of the message. So, don't kill the
22 messenger because of the message or vice versa.

23 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Mr. Ray. At this time,
24 Education, Cultural and Public Relations. Ms. Audrey.

25 AUDREY HUNT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

1 **Education, Cultural and Public Relations Committee Report**

2 AUDREY HUNT: The Education and Cultural
3 Committee has one resolution before you. It's the North Carolina
4 Indian Cultural Center Board Alternative.

5 "Whereas the North Carolina Commission of Indian
6 Affairs authorizes the Lumbee Tribal Council to nominate an
7 alternative member to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center
8 Board; and whereas the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center
9 Board is comprised of members of all Tribes in North Carolina;

10 "Therefore, be it resolved the Lumbee Tribal
11 Council," -- I meant, excuse me -- "the Tribal Council of Lumbee
12 Tribe of North Carolina does nominate Kenny Mitchell as an
13 alternative to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Board.

14 "Therefore, be it further resolved, Kenny Mitchell
15 is nominated as an alternative to serve in the interests of the
16 Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and shall report to the
17 Education, Cultural and Public Relations Committee of the Tribal
18 Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina when requested
19 and/or needed, if appointed to the North Carolina Indian Cultural
20 Center Board."

21 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from committee requires no
22 second. Is there any questions, discussion? Hearing none,
23 seeing none, Madame Secretary.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

25 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.
2 SHARON HUNT: Yes.
3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Lamari Louise Mitchell. Yes.
4 Ms. Laura Sampson.
5 LAURA SAMPSON: (Absent.)
6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.
7 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.
8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.
9 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.
10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.
11 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.
12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.
13 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes.
14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.
15 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.
16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.
17 JAMES DEESE: Yes.
18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.
19 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.
20 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.
21 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.
22 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.
23 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.
24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.
25 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

2 JAMES SMITH: Yes.

3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.

4 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.

5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

6 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

8 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

10 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

12 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Passes.

14 ("Motion 4" - Resolution to appoint Kenny Mitchell as
15 the alternative to the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center
16 Board was approved.)

17 AUDREY HUNT: I'd like to also remind you -- and I'll
18 do it each time until it takes place because it's a very
19 important event for us. We have our powwow May the 1st through
20 the 3rd. It's at the Farmer's Market off of the old 74. Please
21 come and support us for that event. That is sponsored by the
22 Boys and Girls Club.

23 We have a lot of Boys and Girls Clubs that are
24 going to actually be participating this year. So, please come
25 out and support them. You need to also remember that June the

1 23rd is also important. We've got to get those cards renewed.
2 And let me remind you, if you don't get it renewed by June the
3 23rd, then you are put on an inactive roll. Thank you so much.

4 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Ms. Hunt?

5 AUDREY HUNT: Yes, do you have a question?

6 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yeah. I was think king about
7 that today. I went and carried some around to the different
8 schools. Is there a possibility maybe Mr. Alex could get us some
9 like for the churches and stuff in our communities?

10 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

11 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: You know, to put at the end of
12 the -- when they go out of the church and maybe announce it in
13 our church. That way, we'll maybe, you know, cover all of our
14 people.

15 AUDREY HUNT: Okay.

16 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I'd like to say I just -- I
17 wanted to check that.

18 AUDREY HUNT: And if you'll check with --
19 and if you would, if you'll check with Alex --

20 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Okay, okay.

21 AUDREY HUNT: -- he'll be glad to.

22 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I'll do that.

23 AUDREY HUNT: Alex or Ms. Wanda will be glad
24 to get you some information on that, for the powwow and the
25 cards. Any other questions? Thank you.

1 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Ms. Audrey. You're
2 welcome.

3 FURNIE LAMBERT: Mr. Speaker?

4 RICKY BURNETT: Yes, Sir.

5 FURNIE LAMBERT: I have one thing in regard to
6 culture. We were up in Washington and it was brought out up
7 there that on our Tribal Membership cards, it needs to be changed
8 from member --

9 AUDREY HUNT: To citizen.

10 FURNIE LAMBERT: Before I confuse it, let me ask Mr.
11 Ed Brooks to -- he can --

12 ATTORNEY BROOKS: Janet Qualtano (spelled
13 phonetically) talked in one of the General Assemblies at NCAI
14 about creating a list of tribes that go through a vending process
15 to basically show that their Tribal Enrollment cards are being --
16 that they're not being given out, you know, to anybody who's not
17 a member of the Tribe, you know. You have to show that you're
18 processed -- your process is fairly restricted to your people.

19 And what they're going to do is they're going to
20 create a list for TSA to where you could use your tribal card to
21 cross the border into Canada. You can use your card to get on
22 airplanes just like you could your State I.D. But, one of the
23 problems we've had -- and I went to the airport just to try to
24 see what would happen if I tried to use my car.

25 And they said, well, this is just a membership

1 card, this is not a -- this is not showing that you're a citizen.
2 'Cause on the back it says you're a member of Lumbee Tribe. So,
3 one of the things I think that could be addressed as a part of
4 that process to vet through TSA and Homeland Security is to look
5 at the designation of member rather than citizen. Oh, I mean,
6 citizen rather than member.

7 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Louise?

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie, I ask that you would
9 refer that over to the Constitution Committee. We're beginning
10 to work -- we will be working in our next meeting on membership.
11 And that could be something that could be added into that
12 ordinance.

13 FURNIE LAMBERT: Okay.

14 RICKY BURNETT: Ms. Audrey?

15 AUDREY HUNT: I'm sorry. I failed to mention
16 also that we have a new Miss Indian North Carolina who is a
17 Lumbee. Her name is Mardella Sunshine Costanzo. And she is an
18 enrolled member of the Tribe. And she is a student at UNCP.

19 (Applause was given.)

20 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: And Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask
21 Mr. Furnie, if he will, when that -- when we have that
22 Constitution meeting, that if we discuss this, if Ms. Ruth
23 Locklear needs to be present.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: I think she is going to be present,
25 Mr. James.

1 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Oh, okay.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: I've already had a conversation
3 with her and she said she would be present on the membership --

4 RICKY BURNETT: All right.

5 ERIC LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question
6 with regard to the I.D.s?

7 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

8 ERIC LOCKLEAR: I recently was at DMV, and we do
9 not recognize the Tribal card in the state of North Carolina as a
10 form of Federal I.D. I would ask that in that process, we also
11 pursue whatever relationships with the State of North Carolina
12 that would validate our Tribal membership card as a valid form of
13 I.D.

14 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Ray?

15 RAY LITTLETURTLE: I'll bring that up at the next
16 Indian Commission. That's something that's not only for Lumbees,
17 it'd be for all nations within the confines of North Carolina.
18 And we'd -- at the same time, we'll ask the State of North
19 Carolina to recognize us as citizens of the Tribe.

20 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we'll go to Federal
21 Recognition. Ms. Sharon Hunt?

22 **Federal Recognition Committee Report**

23 SHARON HUNT: I would like to just report that
24 yesterday's hearing was the sixth time in six years that the
25 Lumbee have testified before Congress. It was a historical day

1 because it was the first time in 120 years that the Tribe has
2 support in its long quest for Federal Recognition from the
3 federal agency that oversees tribal matters.

4 Yesterday during testimony, the Department of
5 Interior, or the BIA, openly supported our efforts for
6 recognition. To say the least, it was a very emotional day. Not
7 only did we have support from the BIA, testimony on our behalf
8 was also given Gerald Danford (spelled phonetically), a retired
9 Chairman of the Oneida Nation, as well as a statement of support
10 from President Obama was also submitted.

11 Although the BIA in past years has opposed
12 legislation that would recognized the Tribe, the Lumbee Tribe,
13 George Skibine who is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the
14 Department of Interior reported that approving a law to recognize
15 the Lumbee was the right thing to do. He told the panel that his
16 department's change in attitude on the Lumbee was a matter of
17 equity and good conscious, and state that Congress should
18 recognize the Tribe by legislation.

19 Committee staff reports that the hearing was very
20 well received. While we do have opposition in the House, the
21 opposition is in the minority, and we have very strong and well-
22 respected friends on the Committee, including Chairman Nick
23 Rahall. We are also very fortunate to have Congressman McIntyre,
24 who is able and dedicated. His support for us is total and
25 unwavering.

1 The markup for the bill was scheduled for next
2 week, but it turns out that another bill of that Committee will
3 be on the floor for a vote on that day. And they cannot hold
4 business -- they cannot hold a business meeting on that. So, it
5 looks like the next markup is going to be set for April the 22nd.
6 And we hope to get our bill reported out of Committee on that
7 day.

8 (Applause was given.)

9 SHARON HUNT: Oh, one more thing. Today, I made
10 copies of all the testimonies from yesterday for all the -- for
11 all the testimonies for H.R. 31. I didn't make copies for 1385,
12 which is the Virginia Bill. And I have about 30 copies and
13 they're about 45 pages. So, if anybody would like a copy of
14 those, I have everybody's except for Heath Shuler's and we don't
15 care about his anyway.

16 WELFORD CLARK: What date did she say in April?

17 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: April the 22nd.

18 WELFORD CLARK: 27th?

19 RICKY BURNETT: April the 22nd.

20 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: 22nd.

21 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Ms. Sharon. At this
22 time, we'll hear from Finance. Ms. Pam?

23 **Finance Committee Report**

24 PAM SPAULDING: How's everybody? Great. I want --
25 before we get into our resolutions, I do want to announce that we

1 did receive the 4.7 million dollars in stimulus monies. We are
2 diligently working on that, and hope to finalize that next week
3 as far as the plans for that monies, so that we can send our
4 recommendations to HUD.

5 There will be additional funds that we can get,
6 but it's competitive. So, please know that we are working very
7 hard. Administration is working night and day to try to make
8 that happen. We would like to put some more money in rehab. We
9 -- and to all our 14 districts. So, please know that we have
10 your best interests at heart, and that we are trying to make that
11 all happen.

12 Our first resolution is a 2008 --

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Question.

14 PAM SPAULDING: Excuse me.

15 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I know you've been looking at that
16 real well. Is there any money -- listen to what I'm fixing to
17 say. Wait a minute, let me just ask the question.

18 PAM SPAULDING: I'm listening.

19 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Is there any money for Cultural?
20 Like there's a cemetery. It's back in -- for our old people,
21 it's back in -- they were buried there in the 1700's. Is there
22 any money in the stimulus package to help revitalize an old
23 cemetery?

24 PAM SPAULDING: We'd have to present that to HUD
25 and we can get back with you on it. I would hate to say right

1 off yes or no right now. But, by the time we have our meeting on
2 the stimulus monies, I'll have you an answer.

3 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Right, okay.

4 PAM SPAULDING: Is that fair enough?

5 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes, Ma'am. Thank you.

6 PAM SPAULDING: Okay, all right. As you know, when
7 we do approve our budget, it runs from October 1 through
8 September 30th of each year. And each and every year, we try to
9 budget the amounts that we think we're going to need for that
10 fiscal year. Things happen. You might need more in one line
11 item, and less -- and I like to break it down for the folks who
12 are not in Administration who are just in the audience so you can
13 understand what we're doing up here.

14 And it's not we're just trying to do things about
15 your head, say stuff and get out of here. So, that's what's
16 happening with this next amendment. We're just taking some
17 monies out of one line item, putting it in another line item,
18 just to make it balance. Okay? And this resolution reads:

19 "Whereas the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of
20 North Carolina reserves the right to amend the budget as deemed
21 appropriate to maintain a balanced budget;

22 "Therefore, be it resolved, the Tribal Council of
23 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does hereby agree to accept
24 the aforementioned proposed 2008-2009 housing budget amendment."

25 And it just has different line items where we're

1 taking money out of like rehab and maybe putting in the in home
2 ownership and vice versa. Okay?

3 RICKY BURNETT: Coming from Committee, it requires
4 no second. Are there any questions, discussion? Hearing none,
5 seeing none, Madame Secretary.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

7 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.

9 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Lamari Louise Mitchell. Yes.

11 Ms. Laura Sampson.

12 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

14 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.

16 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.

18 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.

20 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.

22 JAMES DEESE: Yes.

23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.

24 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.

25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.

1 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.

3 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.

5 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.

7 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes.

8 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.

9 JAMES SMITH: Yes.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.

11 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.

13 LINDA REVELS: Yes.

14 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

15 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

16 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Shelley Strickland.

17 SHELLEY STRICKLAND: (Absent.)

18 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

19 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

21 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

22 LOUISE MITCHELL: 21.

23 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: 20, I'm sorry. 20.

25 ("Motion 5" - Resolution to amend 2008-2009 Housing

1 budget line items was approved.)

2 PAM SPAULDING: The next resolution is a 2008-2009
3 LIHEAP budget amendment.

4 "Whereas, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe
5 of North Carolina reserves the right to amend the budget as
6 deemed necessary to maintain a balanced budget;

7 "Therefore, be it resolved, the Tribal Council of
8 the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina does hereby agree to accept
9 the aforementioned proposed 2008-2009 Housing budget amendment."

10 We're simply putting \$12,500 dollars more into
11 direct energy payments, and taking that money out of the CIP
12 payments.

13 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Ms. Pam. Again, coming
14 from Committee, requires no second. Are there any questions?

15 TERRY CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker?

16 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Terry.

17 TERRY CAMPBELL: That direct deposit of that money,
18 does that go to the vendor -- directly to the vendor with
19 Progress Energy or -- it doesn't go to individual hands, it goes
20 directly to the vendor?

21 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

22 TERRY CAMPBELL: Is that right? Okay.

23 RICKY BURNETT: Any other --

24 PAM SPAULDING: It is made out to the vendor and to
25 the person; does it not, Tammy?

1 TAMMY MAYNOR: Yes, in this situation, yes. These
2 are -- most of these are going to be those LIHPEAP recipients who
3 didn't -- who came up later on the list with the State, who need
4 to get there energy checks.

5 MR. PATRICK: Just one thing for clarification.
6 On the last therefore, it will read LIHEAP instead of Housing.

7 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you. Make a pen change.

8 WELFORD CLARK: Mr. Speaker?

9 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Welford.

10 WELFORD CLARK: Would you -- just for the benefit
11 of those who are here, the reason that this one is separate,
12 LIHEAP money is a different pile of money than the other money
13 was. So, it has to be done different. It's a different grant
14 that we received.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Yes, Sir. Thank you. Any others?
16 Hearing none, seeing none. Madame Secretary.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Audrey Hunt.

18 AUDREY HUNT: Yes.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Sharon Hunt.

20 SHARON HUNT: Yes.

21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Lamari Louise Mitchell. Yes.

22 Ms. Laura Sampson.

23 LAURA SAMPSON: Yes.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Pam Spaulding.

25 PAM SPAULDING: Yes.

1 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Helen Locklear.
2 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Yes.
3 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Kernice Locklear.
4 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Yes.
5 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Charles Bullard.
6 CHARLES BULLARD: Yes.
7 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Larry Chavis.
8 LARRY CHAVIS: Yes.
9 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Deese.
10 JAMES DEESE: Yes.
11 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ray Littleturtle.
12 RAY LITTLE TURTLE: Yes.
13 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Harold Locklear.
14 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yes.
15 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Terry Campbell.
16 TERRY CAMPBELL: Yes.
17 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Steve Sampson.
18 STEVE SAMPSON: Yes.
19 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. James Taft Smith.
20 JAMES SMITH: Yes.
21 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Bradley McMillian.
22 BRAD McMILLIAN: Yes.
23 LOUISE MITCHELL: Ms. Linda Revels.
24 LINDA REVELS: Yes.
25 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Furnie Lambert.

1 FURNIE LAMBERT: Yes.

2 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Ricky Burnett.

3 RICKY BURNETT: Yes.

4 LOUISE MITCHELL: Mr. Welford Clark.

5 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: 20 yes, motion carries.

7 RICKY BURNETT: Motion carries.

8 "Motion 6" - Resolution to amend 2008-2009 LIHEAP
9 budget line items was approved.)

10 RICKY BURNETT: At this time, we'll go into our new
11 business. Tribal Council retreat update? Ms. Louise.

12 LOUISE MITCHELL: We are working -- we are still
13 working on that. In conversation with Mr. Patrick, we still
14 haven't made a time, a date and all that we're going to add to
15 it. And I was going to ask Ms. Pam maybe at that retreat, could
16 we add the budget in that retreat? Or do you want to --

17 PAM SPAULDING: Technically, we're not supposed to
18 list anything on the budget until after it's presented in July.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: We don't have a date yet. But,
20 it'll be -- the Constitution Committee meeting, we'll be meeting
21 April the 2nd on a Thursday. I'm sorry, I having to change it to
22 March because we have revival. So, I'm having to change it to
23 March -- I mean, April the -- that Thursday, which would be April
24 the 2nd. I have a conflict with revival, so I couldn't put it on
25 that date. At 6:30.

1 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Ray?

2 RAY LITTLETURTLE: Where is it going to be?

3 LOUISE MITCHELL: The Constitution Committee will be
4 meeting April the 2nd at 6:30, which will be on a Thursday.
5 Tribal Office Complex.

6 RICKY BURNETT: Okay.

7 STEVE SAMPSON: Hey, while we're on that date, can
8 I have Health and Human Services right behind it? Or do you want
9 to wait until we get to the calendar?

10 RICKY BURNETT: Wait until we get to the calendar.
11 Thank you. If I could take you now to the calendar in review.
12 If we would look at the month of March. At this time, the floor
13 recognizes Mr. Steve.

14 STEVE SAMPSON: I'll wait until April. Sorry about
15 that, Mr. Speaker.

16 RICKY BURNETT: Okay. Any additions of anything
17 for March?

18 (At this time, Calendar Review, additions and changes
19 were made.)

20 RICKY BURNETT: All right, moving from the
21 calendar. Any general information at this time? Mr. Ray?

22 **General Comments**

23 RAY LITTLETURTLE: The Bible says, "Anger, but sin
24 not." I'd like to apologize to the visiting membership for my
25 sharp tone a little earlier, to the Council, and especially to

1 Mr. James Locklear.

2 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Mr. Ray. Mr. Welford?

3 WELFORD CLARK: Two things, Mr. Speaker. Number
4 one, I want to make sure I get some clarification on this.

5 RICKY BURNETT: Okay.

6 WELFORD CLARK: I know that we're short one
7 Election Board alternate from District 14. I have that person's
8 name. I left all the information outside in my vehicle. But, as
9 I understand the ordinance, the Council doesn't have to approve
10 that, I just need to present that to the Election Board Chairman
11 and to the Tribal Administrator for them to swear them in. Am I
12 correct on that?

13 LOUISE MITCHELL: I don't know, Mr. Welford. Did you
14 look at the ordinance on the appointment process?

15 WELFORD CLARK: It says it's appointed by the
16 Tribal Council person, the alternate.

17 LOUISE MITCHELL: But, I mean did you look at our
18 ordinance that states -- in appointments?

19 WELFORD CLARK: Yes.

20 LOUISE MITCHELL: A Tribal Council.

21 WELFORD CLARK: No, I think the ordinance states
22 that the Tribal Council Representative for that particular
23 District, for the alternate.

24 LOUISE MITCHELL: Yeah. I'm in agreeance (sic) with
25 you from that, too. But, we also have a ordinance in place for

1 appointments process, too. So, I don't know if it's conflicting
2 with the other one that you're looking at. So, we might need to
3 take a look at that.

4 WELFORD CLARK: Okay. And we'll do that. And then
5 we --

6 LOUISE MITCHELL: I think we'll just take a look at
7 it. 'Cause it says here in this ordinance on appointments, it
8 says, "The Tribal Council shall approve all appointments and
9 appointees to organizations, boards and entities. And to the
10 extent possible, appointees shall" -- you know. But, we might
11 need to take a look at that.

12 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Ertle?

13 ERTLE OXENDINE: Mr. Chairman, we don't have an
14 alternate in any district for the Election Board. But, we are
15 short one member of the District 12 area in Hoke County -- I
16 mean, Scotland County area, in Mr. Furnie and Mr. James Harold's
17 district.

18 RICKY BURNETT: Okay. Ms. Louise.

19 LOUISE MITCHELL: We did discuss that in the
20 Constitution and Ordinance Committee. All the Council members
21 that were there knew their responsibility of choosing an
22 alternate and a board member. So, we're waiting for them to
23 bring those names, which we -- you know, except Mr. Welford has
24 his. I think was it Mr. Charles was working on the one in his
25 district.

1 So, we are working on that, on those appointments.
2 We will discuss that. If the Council members will, look at your
3 ordinance, know your regional districts, and bring it April the
4 2nd, a name.

5 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Yeah, we -- District 7 needs one;
6 right?

7 LOUISE MITCHELL: You got to look at your ordinance
8 and see who -- yeah.

9 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Okay.

10 LOUISE MITCHELL: District 7, and then the alternates
11 come from all the other regional districts that are together.
12 So, everyone needs to look at their ordinance with that in there.

13 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: Ray Littleturtle, myself and Mr.
14 Furnie, we need to get together and see if we can find somebody.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Right. Mr. Steve?

16 STEVE SAMPSON: Well, at this time, I'd like to
17 commend Mr. Ed Brooks for the program that he's currently with
18 and still accepting donations for. And at this time, I'd like
19 for him to tell a little bit about it. We went up to Washington
20 to the Federal Recognition Task Force two weeks ago. And he
21 walked in and his head was shaved clean.

22 I'd like for him to elaborate a little bit. I see
23 it's coming back nicely. I'd like for him to elaborate a little
24 bit about the program he's with and where you can make your
25 donations to what he's doing.

1 ATTORNEY BROOKS: As many of you know, my son spent
2 six weeks in the NICU after he was born. And he's still at risk
3 for liver and kidney tumors, and we have to take him to Duke
4 every three months to make sure he's not developing any of those.
5 A friend of mine, a little boy at my church, he came to church
6 one day and his head was shaved bald about a year ago.

7 And he told me, he said I shaved my head for
8 pediatric cancer research. So, I told him, I said next year,
9 I'll do it with you. So, this year, I shaved my head for
10 pediatric cancer research. And so far, we've raised about \$500
11 bucks. Or I've raised about \$500 bucks. And I think the little
12 fellow raised about \$300. So, we're on our way.

13 But, the name of the organization is Saint
14 Baldrick's. It's a ripoff of St. Patrick's, but it's
15 saintbaldricks.org, I think it is. And you go over there and you
16 search participants. And you can donate in my name or you can
17 just donate in general. So, we'd appreciate anything anybody can
18 do.

19 STEVE SAMPSON: Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY BROOKS: And Mr. Ricky, I did ask you if I
21 could speak real quickly. The University of North Carolina has
22 an American Indian Center which is directed by Clara Sue Kidwell.
23 And for years, we weren't -- we didn't have any representation on
24 campus. There was a black center and Sandra Haynestone, I think
25 it's called, or Sonya Haynestone.

1 Well, now we have a center that the Indian kids
2 can go to and they can get help. They can find tutors, they can
3 just network and integrate, socialize. Well, it's not funded by
4 the university. We're not fully funded and it's an endowment
5 kind of thing. So, what we're trying to do at UNC is create a
6 base from alumni to raise money to support that center.

7 So, our first, I guess, endeavor to do that, we're
8 having an American Indian reunion. And we sent out invitations
9 to all alumni, trying to get them to come back and network and
10 socialize together. I just want to announce that we had pretty
11 good success. We got about 85 people signed up to come have
12 dinner and socialize and that kind of thing on a Friday night in
13 Chapel Hill.

14 And all the proceeds are gonna go to support the
15 center there on campus. And we're going to try to keep everybody
16 on campus that night or in town that night, so the next day
17 everybody can come and attend the powwow. So, it should be a big
18 weekend at Carolina. Not only for Lumbee Indians, but for
19 Indians of all of North Carolina.

20 RICKY BURNETT: Thank you, Mr. Ed.

21 ERIC LOCKLEAR: I'd like to announce that next year
22 N.C. State will be doing bigger and better than Carolina.

23 RICKY BURNETT: Any other?

24 WELFORD CLARK: I had two things. But, to follow-
25 up on the Election Board, I quickly checked the ordinance. And

1 it refers to Article 10, Section 2 of the Constitution. And that
2 says that each -- for purposes of Election Board members and
3 alternates, there are five appointing committees, that we're
4 separated by district. And it's those -- each one of those
5 particular committees who appoints the person and not the Council
6 as a whole for Election Board.

7 So, I just got to see who's on -- which other
8 districts are a part of District 14. And we'll take care of that
9 and we'll get the number to you. The second thing that I wanted
10 to ask, and I wanted to direct this, if I could Mr. Speaker, to
11 Ms. Sharon. For whatever reason, Mr. Eric spoke about hope. It
12 seems like there's a sense of hope in us regarding Federal
13 Recognition. For some reason we just -- it's got everybody
14 excited.

15 And Mr. Garth is interested, and I'm interested.
16 Is it possible for us to get a video of that hearing?

17 SHARON HUNT: You can actually go online to
18 www.house.gov and then click on their committees, and then click
19 on the Natural Resources Committee. And then you click on the
20 Hearings and the Markups. And then you'll click on H.R. 31 and
21 they have the live video.

22 WELFORD CLARK: Now, for us folks that's not
23 computer smart --

24 SHARON HUNT: I watched it about three times
25 today. It's three hours long.

1 WELFORD CLARK: Can you burn that on a disc?

2 SHARON HUNT: I am trying to burn some copies of
3 that. I actually started today. But, it's a three-hour hearing.

4 WELFORD CLARK: Will you keep us, Madame Sharon,
5 will you keep us up-to-date so that we can make copies of that
6 and provide it to members who may want a copy of that when you
7 get it done?

8 SHARON HUNT: I'll do my best.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Welford, you can actually go to
10 Indianz with a "z" dot-com (www.indianz.com) and you can find it
11 on the top.

12 WELFORD CLARK: Yeah, I know how to find it to
13 watch it. I just asking about figuring out a way to make a copy
14 of it.

15 RICKY BURNETT: Mr. Kernice.

16 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: I've got a question, did Ms. --
17 when y'all finished up, did you get a chance to talk to Ms.
18 Arlinda about a follow-up or a plan for going maybe forward with
19 that to the Senate or whatever?

20 SHARON HUNT: No, actually we didn't get that
21 far. After we finished, the Lumbee Tribal members that are in
22 the Baltimore area hosted a reception for us at Indian Museum.

23 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Oh, okay.

24 SHARON HUNT: So, we kind of went over there for
25 an hour or so before we had to leave. But, I'm sure she'll be in

1 touch with us. She -- she didn't know much about the Senate side
2 yet because nothing has been introduced yet.

3 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Okay, thank you. All right.

4 RICKY BURNETT: Any others? Mr. Alex, let me say
5 to you as a Speaker, I appreciate your diligence in getting that
6 certificate together for Mr. Shawn. Thank you very much, and all
7 of you, for your hard work, for that coming together. And moving
8 forward, I just ask the Good Lord that this is going to be our
9 year.

10 And that He'll smile upon us and we'll finally get
11 what we deserve and our people can be taken care of. So, let me
12 say, thank you each and every one.

13 JAMES H. LOCKLEAR: And with that, I make a motion that
14 we adjourn.

15 RICKY BURNETT: I need a second.

16 FURNIE LAMBERT: Second.

17 JAMES DEESE: I second.

18 ("Motion 7" - Motion to dismiss was passed.)

19 RICKY BURNETT: And let me say, as you stand, all
20 in favor would stand. And in our closing prayer, it has been
21 passed on, Charly Lowry, you know, from American Idol is in need
22 of a kidney transplant. So, we ask that in our closing prayer
23 tonight that we would include that also. Ms. Helen?

24 HELEN LOCKLEAR: Brother Ricky, I have a nephew,
25 he's got a little girl. I believe she's about 10. And she had a

1 stroke yesterday.

2 RICKY BURNETT: My Lord.

3 HELEN LOCKLEAR: And the doctor told us, he said
4 I've never seen this before. And I want every one of you to pray
5 and go back to your church and ask your church to pray for this
6 child. I talked to my sister today and she said she's right
7 pitiful. She said she couldn't move that eye. And now they're
8 giving her medication and they said they might have to send her
9 to Chapel Hill or to Duke or somewhere.

10 But, the Lord is able to touch. I believe with
11 all my heart that he's going to touch her. If we pray and
12 believe it from the heart and wait upon the Lord.

13 RICKY BURNETT: Amen. Ms. Wanda?

14 WANDA LOCKLEAR: Mr. Ricky and all Tribal Council
15 members, we have a child at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club that
16 has a brain tumor. He'll be going to Chapel Hill tomorrow for
17 further tests to determine whether or not it's malignant. And I
18 would hope that you would pray and hope that we'll get a miracle
19 tomorrow. And that the doctor will determine that it's not
20 malignant.

21 RICKY BURNETT: Amen. Let me say as Ms. Helen
22 said, God is still in the healing business. God can do all
23 things but fail us. All we've got to do is learn to trust and
24 believe in him. And if we'll truly believe that, God will do the
25 rest of it for us.

1 And I want to say this, there's some times when
2 God brings these things to our presence that he's receiving
3 glory, whether we believe it or not. But, God can do all things
4 for us. All we've got to do is just trust him. Because I know
5 what he's able to do.

6 I've got a son standing over there that's 14-
7 years-old that they lost his heartbeat. And he's doing very much
8 -- and he's well, he's good, and I know the God that I serve.
9 And I know that we are some God-fearing people. And, you know, I
10 know we're Indian. But, I thank God that we know God also. And
11 then -- Mr. Paul?

12 PAUL LOCKLEAR: Mr. Burnett, I would like for you
13 to know that Prospect United Methodist Church is going to have a
14 healing service May the 5th. It's going to last for a week. And
15 we're expecting miracles to take place for everybody that's going
16 to be involved.

17 RICKY BURNETT: Good. Amen. Mr. Taft, would you
18 dismiss us in prayer, my Brother?

19 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Mr. Taft, before you pray, I want
20 all of us to consider what has happened to us in the past 120
21 years. If we all go to our churches, to our families, and just
22 constantly keep this in prayer of what happened yesterday with
23 our people. Because God can change people's hearts. We seen
24 that in 2007 where there was six individuals in the House.

25 They started into the House to say something

1 against our bill. And the Lord must have had to change their
2 hearts because they did not go in that room. Because if we get
3 recognition, it's not going to be by us. It's going to be by our
4 Heavenly Father. Because he knows our people has suffered for a
5 very, very long time.

6 And it's not about me and us in here today. I'm
7 67-years-old. But, it's going to be about my children and my
8 grandchildren. That's what it's going to be about, and our
9 elders that's going to be taken care of. So, let's be much in
10 prayer for this in our churches. Go ahead, Brother Taft.

11 RICKY BURNETT: Amen.

12 KERNICE LOCKLEAR: Thank you.

13 (Invocation was given by Tribal Councilman James Taft
14 Smith.)

15 RICKY BURNETT: This meeting is hereby adjourned.

16 (Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.)

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Calendar Review

(The following items were either announced or added to the Tribal Council calendar.)

March 2009

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4	23rd 7:00 p.m.	District 9 Community Meeting	
5		Saddletree	
6	24th	Economic Development Committee Meeting	
7	26th 6:30 p.m.	District 11 Community Meeting	
8		Hawkeye Boys and Girls Club	
9	27th 11:30 a.m.	Hawkeye Sands	
10		\$1 Million Check Presentation	
11	28th 10:00 a.m.	Economic Development	
12		Green Battery Plant discussions	
13	11:00 a.m.	First Nation Boys and Girls Club - Lumberton	
14		Fun in the Sun Day (Center Fundraiser)	

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16	2nd 6:00 p.m	Health and Human Services Committee Meeting	
17	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee Meeting	
18	4th	UNC-Chapel Hill Powwow	
19		N.C. State Powwow	
20	6th 6:30 p.m	Education, Cultural and Public Relations	
21		Committee Meeting	
22	(Tentative)	Economic Development Committee Meeting	
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