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Human Services Finance
Committee
Meeting Thursday Feb 22, 2024
H.F. file 2000 Sport betting bill

Dear Members

This is another ridiculous movement of
Let's make a deal with the Tribe
The Tribes got nothing on The State of Minnesota

The State of Minnesota and Congress of the Federal government have unfinished business with
The Mdewakanton Descendants
According to The 1837 Treaty,
You can find us (Mdewakanton) thru the 1972 Federal Census.

According to a report by the U.S. Senate Committee of Indian Affairs
The Kaposia Band of Mdewakanton Dakota was one of the groups excluded
From the distribution of Judgment awarded by the claims commission of 1968
The report said the Kaposia Band was unjustly denied Enrollment because they were not living
on the Minnesota River at the time of the 1886 Census, which was used as the basis of
eligibility

The report also noted, The Kaposia Band had a long and continuous history and they should be
recognized as rightful benefits of Judgment funds.

In 1998 Congress passed " The Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Act"
Which authorized the distribution of the remaining funds to the eligible Indians and their
Descendants. The act also was a process for enrolling the Kaposia Band and other groups of
Mdewakanton Descendants who were previously denied or overlooked,
However the act required The Secretary Of The Interior to approve The enrollment regulations
proposed by Sisseston and Wahpeton Tribes which had the authority to determine the Criteria
and procedure for enrollment
As of "2021" The enrollment regulations
Have not been approved by the Secretary Of The Interior and the Kaposia Band and the
Mdewakanton Descendants have not received their payments from the 1837 Treaty Judgment
Fund.
Stop
Sport betting till these changes are made

Mdewakanton Descendants to be recognized, set them up by their Federal 1972 Census I.d.
them and their Children
Free Indian Education,
Healthcare

Housing for life

The current Tribal Dakota Communities are not owed, but what they already acquired in years past

Please do not go forward with Sport Betting under these serious allegations of Negligence and trickery

Sincerely,
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