

**STATEMENT  
OF  
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE  
CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BEFORE THE  
AUGUST 2, 2002  
HEARING  
ON S. 958,  
THE WESTERN SHOSHONE CLAIMS DISTRIBUTION ACT**

The first order of business today is to close the Committee's hearing on Native American youth of yesterday afternoon.

That hearing is now adjourned.

The Committee meets this afternoon to receive testimony on S. 958, the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act.

There is a long history of events which provides the background and context for the measure that is before us today, and judging from the large volume of mail that the Committee has received on these matters, considerable controversy.

There are many who have called upon the Committee for an opportunity to provide their views to the Committee on this measure and

related issues, and so as Chairman of this Committee, I am ordering that the record of this hearing remain open until Monday, September 2, 2002, so that all who may wish to do so, can provide their written input.

Your written testimony will be printed in the hearing record and will form part of the legislative history of this Act.