

STATEMENT  
OF  
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BEFORE THE  
MARCH 19, 2003 HEARING  
ON S. 424 AND S. 522,  
BILLS TO ADDRESS THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF ENERGY RESOURCES  
ON INDIAN LANDS

I thank my Chairman for scheduling this hearing today on these two important initiatives that are intended to provide support to tribal governments in the development of energy resources on Indian lands and to provide incentives for partnerships with tribes that want to develop their resources.

With the vast untapped resources on tribal lands throughout the United States, it is clear that Indian country has an important contribution to make to our nation's energy reserves.

I am pleased that our colleague from New Mexico and the author of one of the measures we consider today, Senator Jeff Bingaman, will be with us a little later on in this hearing to address his bill.