

**STATEMENT
OF
SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE
VICE CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
BEFORE THE
NOVEMBER 17, 2004
HEARING
ON THE
WATER RIGHTS PROBLEMS
OF THE
STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE**

The Committee on Indian Affairs meets today to receive testimony on a series of problems that have been experienced by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as well as other tribes whose reservations are situated along the Missouri River.

In order to effectively address these problems, it will require the coordinated efforts of several Federal agencies.

So that we may better understand the nature of the problems and the impact they have had on the lives of the members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, I would like to call upon our first witness today, the Honorable Charles Murphy, Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.