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**AMENDMENT BY SENATOR CONRAD
SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING TRIBAL COLLEGES**

At the appropriate place, add the following:

Sec. __. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING TRIBAL COLLEGES

(a) FINDINGS - The Senate finds that —

- 1) More than 26,500 students from 250 tribes nationwide attend tribal colleges. The colleges serve students of all ages, many of whom are moving from welfare to work. The vast majority of tribal college students are first-generation college students;
- 2) While annual appropriations for tribal colleges have increased modestly in recent years, core operation funding levels are still about one-half of the \$6,000 per Indian student level authorized by the Tribally Controlled College or University Act;
- 3) Although tribal colleges received a \$3 million increase in funding in FY 2000, because of rising student populations and other factors, these institutions may face an actual per-student decrease in funding over FY 1999;
- 4) Per student funding for tribal colleges is roughly half the amount given to mainstream community colleges.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE — It is the Sense of the Senate that —

- (1) the Committee-reported Resolution recognizes the funding difficulties faced by tribal colleges and assumes that priority consideration will be provided to them through funding for the Tribally Controlled College and University Act, the 1994 Land Grant Institutions, and Title III of the Higher Education Act, and
- (2) the Committee-reported Resolution assumes that such priority consideration reflects Congress's intent to continue work toward current statutory federal funding goals for the tribal colleges.

VOTE ON: _____

DATE: _____

YEA

by voice vote

NAY

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