



## HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

*Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation*

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**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI** – The Ho-Chunk Nation is appalled that the State Assembly has stooped to such an egregious level of deception to pass legislation it is opposed to. The Ho-Chunk Nation is a party to an administrative appeal of a Department of Natural Resources permit to fill wetlands in order to build a sand processing facility and a rail loading facility in Monroe County. The legislation passed by the Assembly last night would bypass the appeal process only for the owner of this proposed project.

Last night, without any notice, the State Assembly passed a substitute amendment to SB-615, a completely unrelated bill that added the entire language of another bill, AB-956, that the State Senate has refused to take up. “I am shocked by these developments,” said Wilfrid Cleveland, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation. “Not only has the Assembly passed legislation to usurp the process for appealing a DNR permit, they did it by usurping their own legislative process,” he continued.

The Senate refused to bring AB-956 to the floor for a vote after the Assembly passed an amendment to it adding the language specifically to subvert the appeal the Ho-Chunk Nation is involved in. If the bill were to become law, the Ho-Chunk Nation would be deprived of its due process rights under current law. “Not only are the tactics being used but also the very fact that Meteor Timber is seeking special treatment under the law and to deprive the citizens of Wisconsin, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, of their due process rights is appalling,” said Carolyn Garnett, Legislative Attorney for the Ho-Chunk Nation. “I’ve never seen anything like this before,” she continued.

The bill must go back to the Senate for its approval and the Ho-Chunk Nation is hopeful that Senators will be just as angry. “We are hopeful that the Senate will stick to its guns and not bring this issue forward,” President Cleveland ended.

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