



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:70

FIRE BILL

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 17, Representatives Pascrell (D-NJ) and Weldon (R-PA), along with 68 co-sponsors, introduced H.R.1168 entitled "Firefighter Investment and Response Act" or, simply, the FIRE Act. The bill was referred to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. No companion bill has been introduced in the Senate. No hearing has been set in either of the House committees; and
- WHEREAS,** the legislation creates a federal grant program to assist America's fire service. The authors cite that the bill is modeled after the successful COPS program for law enforcement. The FIRE Act is endorsed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and other major fire service organizations. It is designed to benefit large and small departments, urban, suburban, and rural, and career and volunteer departments. In other words this is a bill for the entire fire service and is worthy of support from the entire fire service; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports this bill and appreciates the value that this bill brings to the entire fire service and our Nation; be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors recommends that Tribal Nations be included in the legislative language to continue to foster the Government-to-Government relationship.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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