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STATEMENT OF INTERIOR SECRETARY BRUCE BABBITT

Released After His Meeting with Tribal Leaders
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"I appreciated the opportunity to hear from tribal leaders from across the country. Their input provided an important picture of the economic benefits reservations have gained from Indian Gaming."

"I want to continue to gather information from parties interested in this issue, and I continue to believe these issues are best resolved by bilateral negotiations between states and tribes as intended under the Indian Gaming Regulation Act, and that the Act provides room for compromise."

"Today's meeting was a step forward as was yesterday's discussion with the governors. From this point forward, I will continue to seek out a consensus position to which all parties can agree."

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