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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson has announced the appointment of a new Deputy Area Director for the BIA's Aberdeen Area. He is Richard D. Drapeaux, a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe Drapeaux has been the Housing Development Officer for the Area, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

A graduate of South Dakota State University, Drapeaux began his career with the Bureau as a high school teacher on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1952.

Drapeaux has worked at a number of the agencies in the area in housing, employment assistance and vocational guidance.