

Rep. Mursau: To Chair State and Tribal Relations Committee

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Madison ... Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) has been chosen to Chair the Special Committee on State and Tribal Relations. The committee will begin meeting in the coming weeks.

“It’s a privilege to be reappointed as chair of the special committee,” said Mursau. “Over the years, we’ve been able to pass legislation that recognizes the tribes in existing state laws as well as advancing new initiatives important to the tribes.”

The Special Committee on State and Tribal Relations is tasked with studying issues relating to American Indian tribes and bands in Wisconsin and developing recommendations and legislative proposals to address those issues. The committee consists of 8 state legislators and 10 public members representing the tribes. Joining Representative Mursau on the committee are Gary Besaw from the Menominee Indian Tribe and Chairman Gus Frank from the Forest County Potawatomi Community.

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the tribes to address the concerns of their communities,” expressed Mursau. “Having the opportunity to learn about their culture and traditions has been a rewarding experience for me and I look forward to continuing the work of the committee in the coming months.”

Several bills were signed into law by Governor Walker earlier this year because of the work of the special committee during the previous legislative session. One of the new laws allows the use of a tribal identification card for a variety of state purposes including registering to vote and picking up prescription medications.

For more information about the Special Committee on State and Tribal Relations,

please visit the committee webpage at:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/study/2018/1792>