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Court Rules In Favor of Kickapoo Council

A District Court's decision is being hailed as a victory for the sovereign rights of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas.

At issue was a 2008 complaint filed by two former members of the Kickapoo Gaming Commission-Nancy Bear and Fred Thomas-against three Tribal Council Members-including Chairman Steve Cadue-following the Council's decision to terminate them from their roles.

On March 12th, the Honorable Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of the District Court for the Kickapoo Nation in Kansas, granted, in favor of the Tribal Council, a motion to dismiss all matters with prejudice.

That means the Council's decision to terminate Bear and Thomas was protected under the doctrine of sovereign immunity, which Cadue calls a great victory(Play Audio :17 seconds)

The motion to dismiss with prejudice means the suit can not be refiled in the future.