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## PROTESTERS RALLY AGAINST WORD 'SQUAW'



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American Indian women and advocates visited Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Friday morning after a protest rally on the Statehouse steps. Tribal members say the word "squaw," as it's used in about 90 Idaho place names, is offensive and should be stricken from official state usage. The House State Affairs Committee killed a Senate-passed proposal that would have begun the name-changing process. The demonstrators were hoping to gain Kempthorne's support, but did not. "You have begun a good discussion," Kempthorne told them, but said he couldn't endorse their proposal unless tribes provided more background to help him better understand the issue. **For complete story, see Local, page 4**