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## Speaker Morgan announces 2009 Spring Session agenda

*Navajo Council to convene April 20-24*

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — The 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council will convene for its 2009 Spring Session during the week of April 20-24 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The Council will first hear oral reports from the Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan and the State of the Navajo Nation address from the Honorable Joe Shirley Jr., president of the Navajo Nation.

Written reports will also be given to the Council from the various standing committees of the Council, the various boards and commissions, from the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation, the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the area director of the Indian Health Services.

In old business, Legislation No. 0740-08, sponsored by Bobby Robbins and Raymond Maxx (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi), will seek approval for the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Governance Tax Code. This item was tabled Jan. 29 with a vote of 42-32 and a work session was held March 10.

In new business, 16 items will be discussed.

Some highlights include Legislation No. 0520-08, sponsored by Amos F. Johnson (Forest Lake), proposes to amend the Navajo Nation 2009 fiscal year budget by approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,197,094 to the Black Mesa Review Board for phase one construction of a water line extension for the Many Mules Project.

Legislation No. 0793-08, sponsored by Tim Goodluck (Houck/Lupton/Nahata Dziil) and Norman John II (Twin Lakes), is related to economic development to amend the Navajo Nation 2009 fiscal year budget by approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2 million to Diné Power Authority for continued development of the Navajo Transmission Project, other energy projects and operating costs of Diné Power Authority.

Legislation No. 0041-09, sponsored by Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan, is related to intergovernmental relations to enact the Office of Legislative Counsel Amendments Act of 2009. This legislation proposes giving more authority to the Office of Legislative Counsel to address the need for provision of legal services to the Navajo Nation Council, offices and programs of the Legislative Branch — independent of the Navajo Department of Justice.

Legislation No. 0046-09, sponsored by Ernest D. Yazzie Jr. (Baahaali/Church Rock) and Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins) is an act related to intergovernmental relations to enact the Navajo Nation Election Consolidation Act of 2009 to combine Navajo Nation general and chapter elections in one election, instead of conducting two major elections every two years.

Legislation No. 0696-08, sponsored by Johnny Naize (Tselani/Cottonwood/Nazlini), relates to community development, government services and finance to approve the Navajo Nation Sales Tax Fairness in Distribution Act by approving amendments to the Navajo Nation Sales Tax to provide for a fair distribution of sales tax revenues among all 110 Navajo chapters.

A complete copy of the Spring Session agenda is available online at [www.navajonationcouncil.org](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org), click on downloads.