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Navajo Council concludes day one of spring session, Herman Daniels Jr. sworn into Council

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 21st Navajo Nation Council convened today for the first day of its 2010 Spring Session at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The Council received the State of the Navajo Nation address from Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr. and the Speaker's Report to the Council from Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan. Other reports were made from Navajo Nation Controller Mark Grant, Chief Executive Officer Robert T. Winter of the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise and Navajo Nation Investment Committee on the financial options for casino development.

Also of major importance was the swearing-in of Herman Daniels Jr., who replaces his late father Council Delegate Herman Daniels Sr., of Oljato Chapter. After Judge TJ Holgate conducted the oath ceremony Daniels took his seat on the gallery floor and participated in council action.

"I was chapter president for over a year at Oljato Chapter," Daniels said. "When I ran as chapter president my late-father encouraged me to run as Council delegate for the next election term and my constituents voted to put me in this seat; this is my first day and I have a lot to learn."

Council action also included gaming development updates from the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise who reported the proposed Twin Arrow Casino and Resort is scheduled to open by fall 2012 and will provide 850 jobs. The other gaming sites such as at Upper Fruitland is scheduled to open in fall 2011 with 420 jobs; Pinta Road Casino and Travel Center in fall 2012 with 200 jobs; Tse Daa K'aan Casino in fall 2010 with 70 jobs; the Chinle Casino and Bingo Hall in fall 2010 with 70 jobs; and the addition of a hotel at the Fire Rock Casino in fall 2011 with 60 jobs.

On budget updates, the Navajo Nation Council was informed by the Office of the Controller of the Navajo Nation's \$22.7 million Undesignated Unreserved Fund deficit; thus, three items relating to the appropriation of these supplemental funds were deleted from the agenda due to the fund's deficit.

Day two of the 2010 Spring Session will continue tomorrow with reports from the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc., the Economic Development Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council, the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council on State Affairs and legislative action items under old and new business.

You can download a copy of the full agenda and legislations at www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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