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Speaker Morgan announces summer session agenda

Council to convene during week of July 21-25

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan is pleased to announce that the 21st Navajo Nation Council will convene for its 2008 summer session during the week of July 21-25 at the historic Navajo Council chamber.

During the session, the Council will receive the State of the Nation address from the Honorable Joe Shirley Jr., president of the Navajo Nation.

Oral reports will also be delivered by the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; John Hubbard, area director for the Navajo Area Indian Health Services on the Crownpoint Healthcare Center and other Navajo related services; Alvin H. Warren, the cabinet secretary for the Indian Affairs Department with the state of New Mexico; and Criss E. Candelaria, county attorney with Apache County on Navajo related issues.

Written reports will be given to the Council by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation, the standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council, the boards and commissions, the area director of the Indian Health Services and from Sean McCaffrey, executive director of the Arizona Republican Party.

Some highlights of the summer session agenda include Legislation No. 0145-08, which is sponsored by Council Delegate Larry Noble (Jeddito/Steamboat/Low Mountain) and is co-sponsored by Jerry Bodie (Sanostee), Larry Anderson Sr. (Fort Defiance) and Leslie Dele (Tonalea). The legislation relates to human services to establish a division of Diné Veterans Services by enacting enabling legislation for the new division. This legislation was tabled during the Council's spring session to allow the sponsor and the veterans to devise a budget.

Legislation No. 0190-08 is sponsored by Andy R. Ayze (Chinle), Willie Tracey Jr. (Ganado/Kinlichee), Ida M. Nelson (Red Rock), Elmer L. Milford (Fort Defiance), Bobby Robbins Sr. (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi), Leonard Anthony (Shiprock) and David L. Tom (Beclabito/Gadiiahi). This legislation is related to education to enact the Board of Education Amendments Act of 2008. On April 22, the Council referred this legislation back to the Education Committee with a directive to meet with the Education Board to settle any and all differences.

Legislation No. 0274-08 is sponsored by George Arthur (T'iistoh Sikaad/San Juan/Nenanezad) and it relates to resources and economic development to approve the purchase of the Inn of Gallup — formerly Holiday Inn. This legislation was tabled during a special session held on June 30.

In new business, the Council will entertain Legislation No. 0039-08, which relates to intergovernmental relations to enact term limits for council delegates and the speaker of the Navajo Nation. This legislation is sponsored by Jonathan Nez (Shonto).

Legislation No. 0031-08 is sponsored by Ernest Yazzie Jr., David Shondee (Chilchinbeto/Kayenta) and Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins) and it relates to community development and finance to amend the 2008 fiscal year budget to appropriate supplemental funding in the amount of \$505,055 from the Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance to the Churchrock Chapter for its Sundance Rehoboth Community Powerline Extension project.

Legislation No. 0068-08 is sponsored by Omer Begay Jr. (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins) and it is action related to community development and finance to amend the Navajo Nation's fiscal year 2008 budget by approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$6.6 million to the Navajo Nation chapters in equal distribution of \$60,000 per chapter for capital improvement projects.

Legislation No. 0229-08 is sponsored by Peterson Yazzie and it relates to intergovernmental relations and finance to amend the fiscal year budget to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2.5 million to construct a new building for the Navajo Elections Administration.

Legislation No. 0288-08 is sponsored by Raymond Maxx and it relates to public safety and finance to authorize

the demolition and removal of the dilapidated and condemned Tuba City Detention Jail facility.

Legislation No. 0138-08 is sponsored by Rex Lee Jim and is action related to public safety and government services to demolition the Chinle District Police Headquarters building.

Legislation No. 0197-08 is sponsored by Speaker Morgan and Young Jeff Tom, this legislation relates to human services to approve the policy and procedures governing the nomination process for the Diné Medal of Honor.

Legislation No. 0311-08 is sponsored by Thomas Walker Jr., Jerry Freddie and Herman Morris and it relates to health, judiciary and economic development to enact the Navajo Nation Commercial Tobacco-Free Act of 2008.

The Council will also confirm the appointments of district court judges Louise Grant and Eleanor Shirley as probationary associate justices on the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. Both appointments are related to judiciary and are sponsored by Kee Allen Begay and Harold Wauneka.

A complete copy of the summer session agenda is available online by accessing the Navajo Nation Council's website at www.navajonationcouncil.org — click on downloads. For more information, contact Joshua Lavar Butler with the Speaker's Office at 928-871-6384.

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