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### **Speaker Morgan announces 2010 Summer Session agenda**

*Some highlights include Navajo Nation Election Consolidation Act of 2010, demolition of Tuba City District Court building, Judicial Elections Referendum Act of 2010*

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan announced the agenda for the Navajo Nation Council's summer session, which is scheduled to convene on July 19-23 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The session will begin with the State of the Navajo Nation address from President Joe Shirley Jr. and the Speaker's Report to the Council from Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan. Other oral reports will be given by New Mexico Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, from the general manager and board of directors from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; and from the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission regarding "Assessing Race Relations Between Navajo and Non-Navajos: A Review of Border Town Relations."

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

There are two items in old business. Legislation No. 0206-10, sponsored by Young Jeff Tom (Mariano Lake/Smith Lake), seeks to amend the Navajo Nation 2010 Fiscal Year budget by approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5 million to the Navajo Nation Chapters for the Public Employment Program and the Youth Employment Program. This item was tabled in a previous session to allow the sponsor to obtain information regarding the actual balance of the Permanent Fund Income from which the funds would come from.

Legislation No. 0106-10, sponsored by Leonard Teller (Lukachukai/Tsaile/Wheatfields), is requesting the U.S. Congress delete language from the Annual Appropriations Act which prohibits the use of Indian Health Service Funds for Sanitation Facilities Construction for new homes funded by grants from HUD Housing Programs.

There are currently 11 items under new business, but the final agenda will be adopted on July 19 -- opening day of the Summer Session -- and some items could be added or deleted.

Some highlights of the summer session agenda include Legislation No. 0648-08, sponsored by Ernest D. Yazzie Jr. (Baahaali/Church Rock) and Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins). This legislation seeks a supplemental appropriation in the amount of

\$650,000 to the Navajo Division of Economic Development for the demolition and clean-up of Lot 3 within the Church Rock Industrial Park – an area adjacent to the Navajo Fire Rock Casino.

Legislation No. 0225-10, sponsored by Ernest D. Yazzie, seeks to enact the Navajo Nation Election Consolidation Act of 2010, which would combine the Navajo Nation General and Chapter elections into one Navajo Nation-wide election.

Legislation No. 0379-10, sponsored by Harold Wauneka (Fort Defiance) and Ray Berchman (Oak Springs/St. Michaels), seeks authorization to demolish the Tuba City District Court building to clear the way for new construction.

Legislation No. 0359-10, sponsored by Thomas Walker Jr. (Birdsprings/Leupp/Tolani Lake), seeks approval of the Judicial Elections Referendum Act of 2010 by referring a referendum measure to the Navajo Nation General Election scheduled for Nov. 2. The referendum would propose a ballot question to amend Titles 2, 7 and 11 of the Navajo Nation Codes. This measure would provide for the election of Navajo Nation District Court judges and Navajo Nation Supreme Court justices.

A complete copy of the summer session agenda can be found online at [www.navajonationcouncil.org](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org).

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