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Speaker Morgan announces special session agenda

Council to convene June 8, 2010

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan has announced the proposed agenda for the special session of the 21st Navajo Nation Council. The one day session will begin June 8 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

On the special session agenda are eight pieces of legislation including an override measure sponsored by Council Delegate Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins), which would override Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley's veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-17-10 or the Special Prosecutor Amendments Act of 2010.

Legislation No. 0254-10, co-sponsored by Council Delegates Leonard Teller (Lukachukai/Tsaile/Wheatfields) and Johnny Naize (Tselani/Cottonwood/Nazlini), relates to requesting Congress for an increase of NAHASDA Indian Block Grants Funding to \$875 million for the fiscal year 2011 or to maintain the fiscal year 2010 funding of \$700 million for fiscal year 2011.

Also on the agenda is Legislation No. 0313-10, sponsored by Council Delegate Young Jeff Tom (Mariano Lake/Smith Lake), which would provide supplemental appropriation of \$3 million to Navajo Nation Chapters for public employment and \$2 million for the youth employment program. Tom is also sponsoring legislation (Legislation No. 0226-10) that would proclaim Monday, July, 19, 2010, the first day of the summer session as Diné Bi Lii Baa Hashniih Day (Navajo Nation Horse Day).

Two pieces of legislation sponsored by Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay (Many Farms/Round Rock) opposes the state of Arizona's recent efforts. Legislation No. 0297-10 opposes Arizona Senate Bill 1070 for unlawfully infringing on the constitutional, civil, and human rights of indigenous peoples in the state of Arizona. Legislation No. 0302-10 opposes Arizona House Bill 2281 for restricting ethnic studies in Arizona elementary and secondary schools.

Legislation No. 0216, co-sponsored by Council Delegates Raymond Maxx (Coal Mine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi) and Jack Colorado (Bodaway-Gap/Cameron/Coppermine), would approve lease negotiations between the Navajo Nation and Sempra Generation and International Piping Products, Inc. for a Wind Energy Project at Grey Mountain, Ariz.

The spring 2010 agenda and legislations can be downloaded at www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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