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NEWS RELEASE:

Naa' bik'iyati' Committee received reports and considered legislations during meeting

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On January 5, 2012, the Naa' bik'iyati' Committee of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council held a meeting at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber at 10:00 am.

During their meeting, the Committee received reports from Maxine Damon, Senior Financial Aid Counselor for Fort Defiance Agency, and Sheila Tsosie, Senior Accountant, on the status of Navajo Nation Scholarship; and a second report from Johnny Johnson on Navajo Nation emergency management.

The Committee considered the following legislations during their meeting:

Legislation 0425-11, sponsored by Honorable Katherine Benally, will enact the 2011 Navajo Nation Violence Against Family Act by enacting 17 N.N.C. §534 *Et Seq.* This legislation relates to the following committees: Law and Order; Health, Education and Human Services; and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0432-11, sponsored by Honorable Lorenzo Curley, will reinstate Leanna Renay Ashley as an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. This legislation relates to the following committees: Health, Education and Human Services; Naa' bik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with fifteen (15) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0458-11, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, amends 2 N.C.C. §110 and the 5-Day Public Comment Period of 2 N.N.C. §164. This legislation relates to the following committees: Law and Order; and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'biik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with sixteen (16) supporting and one (1) opposing.

Legislation 0457-11, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, amends 2 N.N.C. §§164(A)(15), 601 (B) and 700(A) and Rule 7 of the Navajo Nation Council to authorize the Law and Order Committee to recommend an agenda for Navajo Nation Council Sessions. This legislation relates to the following committees: Law and Order; and Naa'biik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'biik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and four (4) opposing.

Legislation 0410-11, sponsored by Honorable Roscoe Smith, approves the Desert Creek Oil and Gas exploration and development operating agreement between the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company for certain trust lands in San Juan County, Utah (Navajo Nation). This legislation relates to the following committees: Budget and Finance; Resources and Development; and Naa'biik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

Honorable Jonathan Nez proposed the following amendment on page 1, line 23, after 2 adding: The Navajo Nation hereby approves the bonus payment in the amount of \$515,317.50 and Navajo Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year to be allocated equally to the Seven (7) Utah Chapters.

The Naa'biik'iyati' Committee approved the amendment with ten (10) supporting and four (4) opposing.

The Naa'biik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation (one amendment) with ten (10) supporting and three (3) opposing.

Legislation 0485-11, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, amends the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2012 comprehensive budget to provide for the appropriation of \$2,376,002 of Projected Revenues as contained in the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2012 comprehensive budget. This legislation relates to the following committees: Budget and Finance; and Naa'biik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'biik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with sixteen (16) supporting and one (1) opposing.

Legislation 0498-11, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, amends 2 N.N.C. §700(A) by establishing membership of the Naa'biik'iyati' Committee to be composed of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the four standing committees of Resources and Development; Health, Education and Human Services; Law and Order; and Budget and Finance. The legislation relates to the

following committees: Law and Order; and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Navajo Nation Council has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with twelve (12) supporting and four (4) opposing.

Legislation 0493-11, sponsored by Honorable Elmer Begay, approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Navajo Nation and Navajo County Arizona Department of Public Works and authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Navajo Nation. The legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; and Naa' bik'iyati. The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with fifteen (15) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0482-11, sponsored by Honorable Jonathan Hale, approves the submittal of an application for Federal assistance and accepting the United States Small Business Administration Grant award of \$122,821.00 for the period beginning on September 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2012. The legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; Budget and Finance, and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with fourteen (14) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0502-11, sponsored by Honorable Edmund Yazzie, approves and authorizes a contract between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of Interior under 25 U.S.C. §450 *et seq.* for a one year term for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development. The legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0478-11, sponsored by Honorable Roscoe Smith, approve and authorizes a contract between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of Interior under 25 U.S.C. § 450 *et seq.* for a five year term for the Historic Preservation Archaeological Services. This legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; and Naa' bik'iyati'. The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa' bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0480-11, sponsored by Honorable Roscoe Smith, approves the submittal of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cooperative Agreement for \$476,570.00 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and accepts the Federal Grant award with no Navajo Nation match for the period beginning on October 1, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2013. This legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; Budget and Finance; and Naa'bik'iyati'. The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0481-11, sponsored by Honorable Roscoe Smith, approves the submittal of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cooperative Agreement for \$274,934.00 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and accepts the Federal Grant award with no Navajo Nation match for the period beginning on October 1, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2013. The legislation relates to the following committees: Resources and Development; Budget and Finance; and Naa'bik'iyati'. The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0501-11, sponsored by Honorable Johnny Naize, approves and adopts the position of the Navajo Nation relative to the Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 Arizona Budgets. The legislation relates to the following committee: Naa'bik'iyati'.

The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with fourteen (14) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0452-11, sponsored by Honorable Elmer Begay, approves and authorizes a contract between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 25 U.S.C. §450 et seq. for a six year term for emergency medical services. The legislation relates to the following committees: Law and Order; Budget and Finance; and Naabik'iyati'. The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation with fourteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

Legislation 0477-11, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, approves and authorizes a contract between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of Interior under 25 U.S.C. §450 et seq. for a five year term for Judicial-Tribal Courts. This legislation relates to the following committees: Law and Order; and Naa'bik'iyati'. The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee has final authority on the legislation.

The Naa'bik'iyati' Committee passed the legislation (one amendment) with thirteen (13) supporting and zero (0) opposing.

The following legislations were not considered by the Committee and will be forwarded to the next Naa'bi'iyati' Committee agenda: Legislation 0470-11 (sponsored by Honorable Lorenzo Curley), Legislation 0482-11 (sponsored by Jonathan Hale), Legislation 0509-11(sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson), and Legislation 0450-11 (sponsored by Honorable Johnny Naize).

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