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NNC Speaker Naize Applauds Signing of Title II Amendment Legislation

Council Delegates Join in Signing Ceremony

Window Rock, AZ — Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize applauded the signing of the Title II Amendment legislation (CAP 10-11) by President Ben Shelly this afternoon at the St. Michaels Senior Center. Joining the Speaker and the President were Council Delegates, children from a local Head Start program, and community seniors.



Telling the audience, Speaker Naize recounted the process the Council followed to draft this legislation.

"Since January, the our Council Delegates have worked through a long process with long days to get the 22nd Council reorganized so that the business of governing the Navajo people could begin. During this process we let the people know of our progress through news releases, radio updates and public forums where different approaches to the reorganizing of the Legislative Branch were proposed and discussed."

"This legislation only amends the section of Title II of the Navajo Code that changes the size of the Council from 88 to 24 delegates and how those delegates will be reorganized into four standing committees and the larger Nabik'iyati' Committee, which will consist of the entire chamber. The operation of the Executive and Judicial Branches of the Navajo Government were never discussed. If this legislation had made any changes to the other branches then it would be required to have the approval of the voters."

"These amendments, being signed today, will allow the Council to go forward as being the governing body of the Navajo Nation government and address the needs of the Navajo people."

Next week the Navajo Nation Council is expected to meet to confirm the membership of the four standing committees.

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