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Speaker Morgan announces Nov. 23 Special Session agenda

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan announced the agenda for a Navajo Nation Council Special Session, which is scheduled to convene on Nov. 23 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The session will begin at 10 a.m. with six legislative action items listed under old business. The agenda has no items listed for new business and reports.

Honorable Bobby Robbins (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi), along with Raymond Maxx and Jack Colorado, is sponsoring legislation (Legislation No. 0740-10) to override Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley's veto of Resolution CS-42-10, a resolution that would approve lease negotiations between the Navajo Nation, Sempra Generation and International Piping Products, Inc., for a Wind Energy Project at Gray Mountain in Cameron Chapter.

On Oct. 21, the Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution No. CS-42-10 on a vote of 41-23, and that was later vetoed by President Shirley on Nov. 8. The president vetoed the resolution on grounds that the lease negotiations between the Navajo Nation, Sempra and IPP, Inc., lacked proper review and approval by the Resources Committee, the waiving of Navajo taxes and alleged illegal bribes, among other issues.

On Nov. 11, the Council's Resources Committee voted against overriding the president's veto on a vote of 4-2. To override the veto, the Council would need to pass the override resolution with 59 votes or more to become law.

Honorable Leonard Chee (Birdsprings/Leupp/Tolani Lake) is the primary sponsor of Legislation No. 0719-10: "Acknowledging the selection and pending placement of the Twin Arrows Parcel into trust status for the benefit of the Navajo Nation; and annexing the Twin Arrows Parcel into the Leupp Chapter."

On Oct. 25, the Council considered similar legislation, but that legislation expired as a result of amendment efforts to the proposed measure. Mr. Chee is sponsoring Legislation No. 0719-10 in an effort to move forward with gaming at the Twin Arrows site.

Two pieces of legislation sponsored by Honorable Ernest D. Yazzie (Baahaali/Church Rock) are also on the special session agenda.

One of Yazzie's legislation (Legislation No. 0678-10) would amend Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code and the other legislation (Legislation No. 0710-10) would amend Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code and enact the Navajo Nation Cross-Commission Agreements Act of 2010.

A complete copy of the special session agenda can be found online at www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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