



Naat'áji Nahat'á Hane'

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22nd Navajo Nation Council

2014 Spring Council Session

Council approves the Navajo Nation Chapters' Infrastructure Improvement Priority Projects listing

Throughout the Navajo Nation, there is an undeniable need for infrastructure development. With deteriorating waterlines, parking lots, chapter houses, and other facilities in mind, Council members voted 19-1 to approve Legislation No. 0118-13, the Navajo Nation Chapters' Infrastructure Improvement Priority Projects listing, for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2018.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Katherine Benally (Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Kayenta) explained that

following Council's decision to table the legislation and to refer it back to the Resources and Development Committee on Feb. 21, the Capital Improvement Office along with various programs reviewed additional project proposals which were then added to the listing.

The priority listing was developed over the course of several years by the Navajo Nation's Capital Improvement Office and other programs, which includes developments of government buildings, chapter

houses, senior citizen centers, waste and water systems, parking lots, and judicial facilities across the Navajo Nation.

During the discussion, Council Delegate Leonard Tsoosie (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) acknowledged the need for infrastructure development throughout the Nation, and suggested the legislation should take a different approach to addressing the need.

"We should fund power lines

all over the Navajo Nation. Let's get these power lines to the four corners of the Navajo Nation because the chapters cannot afford [the] power lines and we have the means to do it," said Delegate Tsoosie, while also expressing the need for telecommunications development for the entire Nation.

The legislation was met with strong support from several delegates including

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First ever live-streaming of Spring Council Session for Navajo elderly

In the late 1960's, a young Navajo girl named Mildred J. Watchman and her grandmother, Margaret Holyan, packed a flour sack lunch consisting of ak'os doowohí, naaneskadí, and fruit, and made their way to the Council Chambers in Window Rock in the early morning hours to listen in on the latest news concerning the Navajo Nation government.

Usually, Mildred and her grandmother would arrive at the Council Chamber by 8 a.m. and stayed the entire day, but her grandmother did not mind because she enjoyed keeping herself up-to-date with the latest news pertaining to the Navajo government.

"When I was a little girl, my grandmother would always go to the Council meetings at the Chamber. My uncles would drop us off. During that time, my grandmother was



Senior citizens of Fort Defiance's Senior Center gather to watch the Spring Council Session online via Ustream.

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Council supports healthy living by eliminating the sales tax on fresh fruits and vegetables

With a vote of 19-1, the Navajo Nation Council last Tuesday approved an override of President Ben Shelly's veto of Council Resolution CJA-05-14. The resolution, which eliminates the current 5% sales tax on fresh fruits and fresh vegetables sold within the Navajo Nation, was passed by the Council on January 30 and later vetoed by President Shelly.

The original legislation approved in January, was sponsored by Council Delegate Danny Simpson (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahi, Whiterock) who worked with a community-based grassroots organization known as, Diné Community Advocacy Alliance, to develop the initiative.

"We appreciate the Navajo Nation Council for voting for a healthy future for our people. Together, we have caused a global discussion about our obesity and diabetes epidemic. We are raising awareness of our health issues parallel to initiatives for healthy Navajo communities. We will continue to advocate for healthy lifestyles and a healthy Navajo Nation," stated DCAA member Denisa Livingston.

According to the legislation, the elimination of the sales tax will apply to purchases of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, water, nuts, seeds, and nut butters, in an effort to "diminish the human and economic costs of obesity and diabetes on the

Navajo Nation."

Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels), who sponsored the override legislation, said the approval by Council is an example of its ability to effectively implement policies to address the health of Navajo people, and specifically Navajo youth.

"Council overwhelming supported the override and it goes to show that the health and wellness of our people is at the forefront of our Nation's concerns," stated Delegate Hale.

Following Council's override, Delegate Simpson thanked members of DCAA for pushing the initiative, adding that it was a successful team effort that took years to develop and one that involved many community members.

"This is the culmination of years of hard work on behalf of a group of community members who devoted a tremendous amount of personal time and resources for something that will benefit many Navajo people for years to come," said Delegate Simpson.

"We appreciate the Navajo Nation Council for voting for a healthy future for our people."



Diné Community Advocacy Alliance member Denisa Livingston, Council Delegate Jonathan Hale, and Notah Begay, III address Council members on April 22, 2014.

Council Delegates Jonathan Nez and Danny Simpson stand alongside members of Diné Community Advocacy Alliance outside the Council Chamber in Window Rock, AZ on April 22, 2014.



Live-streaming / St. Michaels senior citizen center

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really into politics and she knew who-was-who," said Watchman.

She reminisced of sitting by her grandmother in the Chamber, adorned with her best turquoise pieces, including a turquoise pin that her grandmother gave to her as a gift to protect her which her grandmother told her to wear close to her heart.

"My grandmother would say, 'you have to know what is going on in the Navajo government otherwise you are just going to vote for something under your nose that you didn't want, or the money is just going to pass through, or they are going to spend the money the wrong way' she used to say," Watchman said.

On April 22, five decades later, Mildred sat comfortably at a white table at the Fort Defiance Senior Center, during the lunch hour, as

she prepared to watch and listen to live proceedings of the Spring Council Session on the center's projector screen.

Last week's spring session, marked the first time live-proceedings were made available for Navajo elderly to view at the center. The initiative developed following a Naabik'iyáti' Committee meeting held on April 17, in which committee members allocated approximately \$50,000 to go toward efforts to engage and inform Navajo elders of legislative issues and actions.

The Fort Defiance Senior Center was used as a "test site" to air the live proceedings with assistance from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, who provided a wireless modem that enabled the session to be displayed using a laptop computer and projector.

"This is a really neat thing,

having this here for the elders to see. It is a different way to view Navajo politics as compared to when my grandma would sit at the Chamber. I remember she would go back to the Tohatchi Chapter and tell the community members what she heard. That is how they are. They are representatives for the community," stated Watchman, as she gazed excitedly at the projector screen.

Margaret Sheka, supervisor for Fort Defiance's Senior Center, has worked at the center since July of 2013, in addition to working at the St. Michaels Senior Center for approximately 25 years.

"I just really enjoy my work and working with the people and taking care of them. I think that being able to view this event is really nice because most of the people do not have a ride or transportation. The bus usually picks them up and

brings them here and takes them home. It is something different for them," stated Sheka.

Also in attendance was Dorothy Ashley, a Fort Defiance community member, who has been visiting the center for six years and was the first to announce to other senior community members that the Council's Spring Session was available to view in the community room.

"I told them and I translated in Navajo that whatever is going on in Window Rock, for example, the councilman that's talking right now, they are in the Chambers talking right now, too. So I told them to go in the community room and watch it. For us, we only read about it in the paper. I think it's real nice because the elderly will have something to see for themselves and listen to what they didn't hear before," stated Ashley.

According to Ashley, approximately 40 senior citizens can rotate in and out of the center on a daily basis and most are able to speak and understand English.

"Most of them speak English and some of them speak in just Navajo. Also, some of them have never been to the Council Chamber. Now, if they see it here, they will say, 'well, we seen it at the senior center.' It is definitely something new," stated Ashley.

The spring session marked the eighth time a regular session had been live-streamed, which began in fall 2012 to involve and inform Navajo people. The live-streaming service continues to reach a growing number of viewers. Last week's spring session was viewed by over 1,000 viewers in 28 different countries around the world.

Council approves approximately \$470,000 to benefit domestic violence shelters and victims of sexual abuse

On the final day of spring session, Council members voted 19-0 to approve Legislation No. 0064-14. If signed into law, it will provide supplemental funding from the Nation's Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of approximately \$470,000 for three organizations located within the Navajo Nation.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels) advocated for support of the legislation due to the pressing needs of the various organizations who provide critical services such as shelter and treatment for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

"This is a request for assistance within the same entity, and we need to try to help

and assist their pleas for help," stated Delegate Hale.

Gloria Champion, executive director for the Home for Women and Children, a domestic violence and sexual assault shelter located in Shiprock, N.M., has worked at the shelter for 20 years.

"It is a big statement not only for the families of the Navajo Nation by saying, let's put an end to domestic violence. We need to start teaching children early about domestic violence [awareness]," stated Champion.

Currently, the domestic violence shelter receives funding from several sources including Children Youth and Families Fund, Family Violence Prevention Fund, United Way, Navajo United Way, and several other foundations, as well as

private donors.

"We have been full to the capacity. We were quiet around December and January but now we are full. Elders have been coming in and this is new. They are abused by their younger relatives. Before, we had elders come in from time-to-time," stated Champion.

Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) supported the shelter's initiatives, stating that more funding is necessary considering how dangerous the shelter's jobs can be when dealing with the offenders.

"It always amazes me how dedicated and how big of a heart people have. There is another

group that throw themselves against the offenders and that is the teachers. They do not have a bullet-proof vest. How do we work this into our next budget? How do we work with federal agencies and state agencies? It is something that we seriously need to reexamine," stated Delegate Tsosie.

During the discussion, Council also approved funding in the amount of \$210,000 to the Tohdenhasshai Committee Against Family Abuse, located in Kayenta and approximately \$80,000 to the Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, located in Chinle, AZ.

Council Delegate Russell Begaye (Shiprock) supported the legislation's initiatives and stated that the need to service the Navajo people was crucial to serving communities throughout

the Navajo Nation.

"It is unfortunate sometimes when our government sees money and they want to seize it for themselves. They feel like they can do it better themselves. It is a hostile takeover. Before you know it, those programs start to die down and services start to die down. We need to accommodate them using our budget process," stated Delegate Begaye.

The Council passed Legislation No. 0064-14 with a vote of 19-0.

President Ben Shelly will have ten calendar days to consider the resolution once it is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

Honorable Jonathan Hale presents Legislation No. 0064-14 on April 23, during Spring Council Session, in the Navajo Nation Council Chambers.



"We need to start teaching children early about domestic violence [awareness]."

A group of elderly Navajo people reading the "Legislative Branch News" at the Fort Defiance Senior Center on April 22, 2014.



CIP listing/Chapter infrastructure improvement

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Council Delegate Duane Tsinigine (Bodayway/Gap, Coppermine, K'ai'Bii'To, LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake) who said his chapter officials have devoted extensive time and expenses to developing their proposals.

"I plead with you Council members that we pass this important document," Delegate Tsinigine said. "There [are] chapter houses that need to be rebuilt and we are tired of meeting in warehouses."

Following over two hours of debate, Council members voted 19-1 to approved Legislation No. 0118-13. President Ben Shelly will have ten calendar days to consider the resolution once it is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

An unofficial listing of the projects is available on the Capital Improvement Office's website at: <http://www.nncio.org/>.

Junk food tax override fails

During last week's spring session, an override attempt to enact the "Healthy Diné Nation Act" failed to garner enough votes from Council to override President Ben Shelly's veto.

The override attempt, Legislation No. 0083-14, was sponsored by Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels) who chairs the Council's Health, Education, and Human Services Committee.

The "Healthy Diné Nation Act" aimed to impose a two-percent sales tax on "junk food" items sold within the Navajo Nation. According to the legislation, "junk food" is defined as sweetened beverages and prepackaged and non-prepackaged snacks low in essential nutrients and high in salt, fat, and sugar including chips, candy, cookies, and pastries, excluding nuts, nut butters, and seeds.

Tax revenue generated from the "junk food" tax would have been used to develop wellness centers, community parks, basketball courts, walking, running and bike trails, swimming pools, community gardens, family picnic grounds, and health education classes, according to the legislation.

Delegate Hale stated that newly released data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, shows that approximately 23% of Navajo people have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

"For 300,000 people of the Navajo Nation, 23% is a high rate," Delegate Hale stated.

The Council previously approved the "Healthy Diné Nation Act," during the Winter Council Session held in January. However, President Shelly later vetoed the resolution, stating that the imposed tax would be

an "unfunded mandate" due to costs associated with collecting and administering the proposed sales tax by the Office of the Navajo Tax Commission.

Delegate Hale, along with Council Delegate Danny Simpson (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahi, Whiterock) who sponsored the original legislation passed by Council in January, worked with members of a community-based grassroots organization known as, Diné Community Advocacy Alliance, to address the concerns brought forth by President Shelly.

DCAA member Denisa Livingston, explained to members of Council that the group met with representatives from the Navajo Tax Commission and with President Shelly in regards to the concerns brought forth in the president's veto memo, while urging Council members to support the override.

"You are leaders who have the power to bring positive change. You have an opportunity now to reverse disease, improve our health, and create a healthy future. You have an opportunity to set a standard for the rest of the world. Together we can protect the health of our people," stated Livingston.

DCAA members were joined by former professional golfer Notah Begay, III in their effort to promote the legislation and to bring awareness to the diabetes epidemic on the Navajo Nation. Begay, founder of the Notah Begay III Foundation, which aims to battle diabetes and obesity among Native American youth, was also in attendance to speak in support of the override.

"If we look beyond the politics and see the impacts

of something like this could have, long-term [affects] on the welfare of our children so that we can ensure that more of our Diné kids can pursue education and pursue their dreams," stated Begay.

"This message goes much further than a simple tax, it'll resonate and ripple through Indian Country saying that we finally have a government that is willing to take a stand on this issue."

Following the presentation, the legislation failed to garner enough votes to override the veto with a vote of 13-7. According to Navajo Nation law, an override requires two-thirds approval, or 16 supporting votes.

Following Council's action, Council Delegate Jonathan Nez (Shonto, Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Ts'ah Bii Kin) thanked members of DCAA for bringing awareness to health issues and encouraged the group to ponder the possibility of having Navajo voters decide the issue in the form of a referendum in the upcoming election in November.

"Why don't we put this in the form of a referendum question for the Navajo people and have Navajo citizens talk about this, now until November? It will be up for discussions at the dinner table, shopping centers, and that will raise awareness everywhere and it will keep this initiative alive," Delegate Nez stated.

Delegate Simpson also encouraged DCAA members to continue their efforts, adding that he will introduce a similar legislation in the near future.

"Hang in there, and I will introduce another taxation legislation and try to get it through at the summer session," said Delegate Simpson.

Henry brings approximately 26 years of legal service and experience to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

He previously served for 10 years as the executive director for DNA People's Legal Services. In addition, Henry served as a Navajo Tribal Court Advocate and as the Attorney General of the Navajo Nation from 1999-2003.

Henry holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of New



Members of Diné Community Advocacy Alliance hosted a Zumba session outside the Council Chamber to promote their healthy living initiatives on April 22, 2014.

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Council appoints Levon B. Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel

The Navajo Nation Council voted 18-2 to appoint Levon B. Henry as the new Chief Legislative Counsel for the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch. As Chief Legislative Counsel, Henry is responsible for providing legal advice and representation to the Council, its standing committees, and the various programs within the legislative branch.

Henry joins the Office of Legislative Counsel from his

previous position as a staff attorney with New Mexico Legal Aid in Gallup, N.M.

"I am looking forward to the work as Chief Legislative Counsel because it involves a variety of important and complex issues. The Council members have to address these issues and I want to work with each of them by providing the legal advice necessary for them to make their decisions," said Henry.

Mexico's School of Law and became a member of the State Bar of New Mexico in 1996.

Previously, Henry served three non-consecutive terms as the president of the Navajo Nation Bar Association. He also chaired the New Mexico State Bar's Indian Law section and the National Association of Indian Legal Services.

"Council members have many hard decisions to make each day and the Office of

Legislative Counsel will support each member with proper, professional advice and service. This commitment to public service I learned from my mother and grandmother, respectively a teacher and public servant," said Henry.

Henry began his new position as Chief Legislative Counsel on April 29.

Atsaa' Biyaazh Community School students meet tribal and state leaders at the Nation's capital

On the opening day of the Spring Council Session, a group of 11 students from Atsaa' Biyaazh Community School traveled from Shiprock, N.M. to Window Rock for a very special visit to the Nation's capital.

The group of sixth graders led members of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, in the Navajo language, at the start of the Spring Council Session.

"We really appreciate the children coming to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem and I want to welcome them here on behalf of the 22nd Navajo Nation

Council," said Council Delegate Russell Begaye (Shiprock) standing on the Council floor at the opening of the session.

School teacher Bobby Charley, said the school incorporates aspects of Navajo language and culture into their curriculum, which included learning to recite the National Anthem in the Navajo language.

At the conclusion of the performance, Delegate Begaye who represents the community of Shiprock, commended the students for participating, and presented a certificate of appreciation to the students, staff, and school for their valuable contribution to the

spring session.

Prior to their performance, the students were led on a tour of the Council Chamber and the legislative branch facilities. Along the way, the students also spent time with Arizona State Sen. Carlyle Begay (District 7), who encouraged the group to remain focused and to pursue their educational and career goals.

William Foster, school administrator, said the students were very grateful for the experience, adding that the students had plenty of stories to share with their peers when they returned to their school.



Council Delegate Russell Begaye (right) and students from the Atsaa' Biyaazh Community School from Shiprock, N.M.

Council amends the plan of operation for the Navajo Nation Insurance Commission and its oversight authority

On the second day of the Navajo Nation Spring Council Session, members acted on Legislation No. 0022-14, which amends the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Insurance Commission within Title II of the Navajo Nation Code.

The plan of operation had not been amended in the last several years, according to legislation sponsor Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels).

"Up until the council was reduced to 24 members, the oversight was the Government Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Plan of Operation has not been amended since then,"

said Delegate Hale.

Delegate Hale said that since the Government Services Committee no longer exists, the amendment would serve as a legislative fix to update NNC Title II to ensure that the code was in concert with current tribal law.

According to the legislation, the BFC "shall further have oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Insurance Commission and shall have final authority to approve and amend the Plan of Operation for such Commission."

Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado,

Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) expressed his concern regarding the new language in the legislation and suggested that the Naabik'iyáti' Committee be the supervisory committee.

"The oversight should be with the Naabik'iyáti' Committee so we all know what is going on with insurance matters because [the other standing committees] never really received any reports or updates, even though we asked for it," said Delegate Tsosie.

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee made an amendment to the legislation before it went to Council suggesting that the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee be the

recommending body, if the Plan of Operation is to be amended in the future.

Council Delegate Mel Begay (Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, Bahastl'a'a) supported the legislation asserting that the Navajo government needed to ensure that Navajo tribal law is updated consistently.

"I think it is important that we are addressing this now because this insurance business is very essential to the Nation, and we need to keep up with all the changes that come up," said Delegate Begay. "This will keep us in a better position in handling these important issues."

At the conclusion of the

discussion, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churckrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) proposed a directive to Council recommending that the BFC make regular reports to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee regarding any new changes or updates regarding the Insurance Commission and its Plan of Operation.

Council voted 16-4 to approve Legislation No. 0022-14. The legislation required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes to pass.

Council confirms Herman Farley as the new Northern Agency Council Representative to the Government Development Commission

Council confirmed the appointment of Herman Farley as the Northern Agency Council Representative for the Navajo Nation Government Development Commission, on April 23.

The Commission on Navajo Government Development was created in 1986 under the legislative branch, with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government.

The commission consists of 12 individuals including representatives from each of the five Navajo Agencies, representatives from the three governmental branches, as well as representatives from the traditional sector, Women's Commission, Dine College, and one tribal standing committee.

Farley currently serves as the Red Mesa Chapter President. He attended the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Civil Engineering.

"I have established a close

working relationship with Utah State Officials, County officials and the Navajo Nation in regards to our community interest on project funding and developments in areas of housing, road improvements, infrastructures, public facilities and economic developments," stated Farley in documents attached to the legislation.

Farley has extensive knowledge of public administration, strategic planning and grant writing, according to documents attached

to the legislation.

"It will be a great honor to serve on the Navajo Government Development Commission in behalf of my constituents in the Northern Agency Chapters. As well as it always been my primary interest to get involved in our Navajo governmental reform initiatives at the central and local community level," stated Farley.

Farley will serve a term of four years on the Commission.



Council Delegate Russell Begaye (left) and Herman Farley (right) address members of Council on April 23, 2014.

2014 Spring Council Session Legislation Results

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Legislation No. 0118-13
 PASSED (simple majority vote)
 Primary Sponsor: **Katherine Benally**

Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyati' Committee; Recommending and Approving the Navajo Nation Chapters' Infrastructure Improvement Priority Projects for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2018.

Yea: 19

Apachito, George
 Begay, Elmer
 Begay, Mel
 BeGaye, Nelson
 Begaye, Russell
 Benally, Katherine
 Curley, Lorenzo
 Damon II, Charles
 Hale, Jonathan
 Nez, Jonathan

Pete, Leonard
 Phelps, Walter
 Shepherd, Alton Joe
 Simpson, Danny
 Smith, Roscoe
 Tom, David
 Tsinigine, Duane
 Witherspoon, Dwight
 Yazzie, Edmunda

Nay: 1

Tsosie, Leonard

Not Voting: 4

Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem)
 Butler, Joshua Lavar
 Marybory, Kenneth
 Naize, Johnny (Speaker)

Legislation No. 0352-13
 PASSED (simple majority vote)
 Primary Sponsor: **LoRenzo Bates**

Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving Amendments to the Federal Charter of Incorporation of the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company and Directing the Navajo Nation's Washington Office to Take All Actions Necessary to Petition the Secretary of the Interior to Issue the Restated Federal Charter of Incorporation of the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company.

Yea: 16

Apachito, George
 Bates, LoRenzo
 Begay, Elmer
 Begay, Mel
 BeGaye, Nelson
 Begaye, Russell
 Benally, Katherine
 Curley, Lorenzo
 Damon II, Charles
 Nez, Jonathan

Phelps, Walter
 Shepherd, Alton
 Simpson, Danny
 Smith, Roscoe
 Tom, David
 Witherspoon, Dwight

Nay: 2

Tsosie, Leonard
 Yazzie, Edmund

Not Voting: 6

Butler, Joshua Lavar
 Hale, Jonathan
 Marybory, Kenneth
 Naize, Johnny (Speaker)
 Pete, Leonard
 Tsinigine, Duane

Legislation No. 0083-14
 FAILED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: **Jonathan Hale**

Relating to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-04-14 (implementing 2% additional sales tax to junk food items).

Yea: 13

Apachito, George
 BeGaye, Nelson
 Begaye, Russell
 Curley, Lorenzo
 Damon II, Charles
 Hale, Jonathan
 Nez, Jonathan
 Pete, Leonard
 Shepherd, Alton
 Simpson, Danny

Tsosie, Leonard
 Witherspoon, Dwight
 Yazzie, Edmund

Nay: 7

Begay, Elmer
 Begay, Mel
 Benally, Katherine
 Phelps, Walter
 Smith, Roscoe
 Tom, David
 Tsinigine, Duane

Not Voting: 4

Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem)
 Butler, Joshua Lavar
 Marybory, Kenneth
 Naize, Johnny (Speaker)

Legislation No. 0084-14
 PASSED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: **Jonathan Hale**

Relating to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-05-14 (removing sales tax on fresh fruits and vegetables).

Yea: 19

Apachito, George
 Begay, Elmer
 Begay, Mel
 BeGaye, Nelson
 Begaye, Russell
 Benally, Katherine
 Curley, Lorenzo
 Damon II, Charles
 Hale, Jonathan
 Nez, Jonathan

Pete, Leonard
 Phelps, Walter
 Shepherd, Alton
 Simpson, Danny
 Tom, David
 Tsinigine, Duane
 Tsosie, Leonard
 Witherspoon, Dwight
 Yazzie, Edmund

Nay: 1

Smith, Roscoe

Not Voting: 4

Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem)
 Butler, Joshua Lavar
 Marybory, Kenneth
 Naize, Johnny (Speaker)

Legislation No. 0022-14
 PASSED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: **Jonathan Hale**

Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Plan of Operation for Navajo Nation Insurance Commission, 2 N.N.C. §931 ET SEQ.; Clarifying Authority of Budget and Finance Committee by Amending 2 N.N.C. §301(B) (13).

Yea: 16

Apachito, George
 Begay, Elmer
 Begay, Mel
 BeGaye, Nelson
 Curley, Lorenzo
 Damon II, Charles
 Hale, Jonathan
 Nez, Jonathan
 Phelps, Walter
 Shepherd, Alton

Simpson, Danny
 Smith, Roscoe
 Tom, David
 Tsinigine, Duane
 Witherspoon, Dwight
 Yazzie, Edmund

Nay: 4

Begaye, Russell
 Benally, Katherine
 Pete, Leonard
 Tsosie, Leonard

Not Voting: 4

Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem)
 Butler, Joshua Lavar
 Marybory, Kenneth
 Naize, Johnny (Speaker)

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Legislation No. 0025-14
 FAILED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: *Russell Begaye*

Relating to the Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending Title II, Section 105 and 1002 (proposed term limits for Council Delegates up to 4 terms, and the Navajo Nation President up to 2 terms - need not be served consecutively.)

Yea: 11	Nay: 9	Not Voting: 4
Apachito, George Begay, Elmer Begaye, Russell Curley, Lorenzo Hale, Jonathan Maryboy, Kenneth Nez, Jonathan Phelps, Walter Tom, David Tsinigine, Duane	Witherspoon, Dwight Begay, Mel BeGaye, Nelson Benally, Katherine Damon II, Charles Pete, Leonard Shepherd, Alton Smith, Roscoe Tsosie, Leonard Yazzie, Edmund	Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem) Butler, Joshua Lavar Naize, Johnny (Speaker) Danny Simpson

Legislation No. 0098-14
 FAILED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: *Jonathan Hale*

Relating to an Emergency: Amending CS-47-13, The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Budget by Approving a Waiver of CF-07-11 Thereby Allowing a Carryover of the Unspent Personnel Accounts in CO-51-12, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Addressing the Outbreak of Rock Mountain Spotted Fever on the Navajo Nation.

Yea: 15	Nay: 4	Not Voting: 5
Apachito, George Begay, Elmer Begay, Mel BeGaye, Nelson Begaye, Russell Benally, Katherine Curley, Lorenzo Damon II, Charles Hale, Jonathan Maryboy, Kenneth	Phelps, Walter Shepherd, Alton Smith, Roscoe Tom, David Tsinigine, Duane	Nez, Jonathan Pete, Leonard Tsosie, Leonard Witherspoon, Dwight
		Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem) Butler, Joshua Lavar Naize, Johnny (Speaker) Danny Simpson Yazzie, Edmund

Legislation No. 0099-14
 FAILED (required two-thirds or 16 supporting votes)
 Primary Sponsor: *Jonathan Hale*

Relating to an Emergency: Amending CS-47-13, The Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2014 Comprehensive Budget by Approving a Waiver of CF-07-11 Thereby Allowing a Carryover of the Unspent Personnel Accounts in CJY-44-13, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Addressing the Extreme Drought Conditions on the Navajo Nation.

Yea: 14	Nay: 4	Not Voting: 6
Apachito, George Begay, Elmer Begay, Mel BeGaye, Nelson Begaye, Russell Benally, Katherine Curley, Lorenzo Damon II, Charles Hale, Jonathan Maryboy, Kenneth	Phelps, Walter Shepherd, Alton Smith, Roscoe Tom, David	Nez, Jonathan Pete, Leonard Tsosie, Leonard Witherspoon, Dwight
		Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem) Butler, Joshua Lavar Naize, Johnny (Speaker) Simpson, Danny Tsinigine, Duane Yazzie, Edmund

Legislation No. 0043-14
 PASSED (simple majority vote)
 Primary Sponsor: *Jonathan Hale*

Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee; Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$200,000 for Business Unit 112007 for Navajo Air Transportation to Maintain Aging Aircraft Fleet and to Purchase Jet Fuel

Yea: 16	Nay: 2	Not Voting: 6
Apachito, George Begay, Elmer BeGaye, Nelson Begaye, Russell Curley, Lorenzo Damon II, Charles Hale, Jonathan Maryboy, Kenneth Nez, Jonathan Pete, Leonard	Phelps, Walter Shepherd, Alton Smith, Roscoe Tom, David Tsosie, Leonard Witherspoon, Dwight	Begay, Mel Benally, Katherine
		Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem) Butler, Joshua Lavar Naize, Johnny (Speaker) Simpson, Danny Tsinigine, Duane Yazzie, Edmund

Legislation No. 0062-14
 PASSED (simple majority vote)
 Primary Sponsor: *Speaker Johnny Naize*

Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Appointing Levon B. Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel

Yea: 18	Nay: 2	Not Voting: 4
Apachito, George Begay, Elmer Begay, Mel BeGaye, Nelson Benally, Katherine Curley, Lorenzo Damon II, Charles Hale, Jonathan Maryboy, Kenneth Nez, Jonathan	Pete, Leonard Phelps, Walter Shepherd, Alton Smith, Roscoe Tom, David Tsinigine, Duane Witherspoon, Dwight Yazzie, Edmund	Begaye, Russell Tsosie, Leonard
		Bates, LoRenzo (Speaker Pro Tem) Butler, Joshua Lavar Naize, Johnny (Speaker) Danny Simpson

