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Speaker's Message



Yá'át'éeéh, and welcome to the sixth edition of the Naat'áji Nahat'á Hane' (Legislative Branch News).

The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of activities and legislative actions taken by the 22nd Navajo Nation Council during the Winter Session.

This edition of the Legislative Branch News is a prime example of the effort put forth by this Council to inform Diné Citizens of their government.

Over the course of the Winter Session, Council members were once again confronted with challenging issues. I am truly appreciative of the prudence that was practiced by our leaders during the discussions that occurred over the course of the session.

At times the discussions were contentious, however, I believe it displayed the passion within our leaders when confronted with controversial and difficult issues that will impact their constituents for years to come.

One particular legislation that continues to draw national attention was the enactment of the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2013, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, which this Council passed.

Although some may disagree with the sales tax, the overall goal of increasing diabetes awareness and promoting healthy living is certainly supported by this Council.

This was evident by the many words of support and encouragement expressed on the Council floor.

I commend the Council members for addressing the health concerns of their constituents and for doing so with such compassion and determination.

Moving forward, it is important that our Nation's leaders continue to exhibit such passion and determination as we continue to address critical issues affecting our Diné Citizens.

In the final year of our four-year term as Council Delegates, I implore each member of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council to move forward in the spirit of unity.

As a Council, we must continue to practice K'é as a means of remaining united and working toward a better future for Diné People.

Council Enacts the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2013, eliminates tax on fresh fruits and fresh vegetables



On the final day of the Winter Council Session, the 22nd Navajo Nation Council approved two pieces of legislation intended to promote healthy living and to bring public awareness to the growing rate of diabetes among Navajo People.

Pending President Ben Shelly's approval, the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2013 will impose a two-percent sales tax, in addition to the Navajo Nation's current five-percent sales tax, on "junk food" sold within the Navajo Nation.

The tax revenue will be used by the Nation's 110 chapters to develop wellness centers, community parks, basketball courts, walking, running and bike trails, swimming pools, community gardens, family picnic grounds, and health education classes.

The other bill passed by Council on Thursday, Legislation No. 0290-13, will eliminate the current five-percent sales tax on fresh fruits and fresh vegetables if signed into law.

A day prior to the passage of the two legislations, members of a grassroots organization known as the "Diné Community Advocates Alliance" gathered outside the front entrance of the Council Chamber for a Zumba session that lasted more than an hour.

DCAA member Debra Cayedito, said the group organized the Zumba session to urge the passage of the bills and to invite those who may not be familiar with Zumba to join in on the activities.

"Most of us came together to learn how to advocate in the community to make things happen and we wanted to focus on health and especially diabetes," said Cayedito.

Members of the group worked closely with the sponsor of the bills, Council Delegate Danny Simpson, for the past two years.

Cayedito said the group has gained a tremendous amount of insight into the Nation's

legislative process over the past two years and offered some helpful advice to groups who wish to promote causes through legislative action.

“Take one topic at a time, get a good team together that has passion and will not give up, stay focused, meet whenever you can, bring food to the table because that bonds everybody, seek advice from groups such as us who have already gone through the legislative process and we will help to guide and share from our experience,” said Cayedito.



When the legislation was presented before the Council on Thursday, Delegate Simpson was joined by DCAA member Denisa Livingston, who provided a ten minute presentation focusing on diabetes statistics, health issues caused by obesity, and nutritional facts.

Livingston also provided advice to community-based groups who wish to pursue legislative action to promote causes.

“Definitely research your cause, research the past, present, and future effects. Networking is the biggest key in presenting the legislation,” said Livingston. “You want to get to know the people, you want to get to know the Council and you want to know who the key players are on the Council, everyone who could possibly be involved in the legislation, and come sit in on the Council sessions to gain an understanding of the operation and order of things.”

Livingston attributes much of the group’s success to remaining respectful to people and being mindful of people’s backgrounds, especially elderly people.

“I’m a young person so sometimes we have a different way of approaching one another and it might be different for an elder or a Council Delegate,” added Livingston.

It was apparent during the Council’s discussion that several Council members had recognized the efforts of the group, including Council Delegate Nelson BeGaye, who commended the group for bringing public awareness to many Diné People, including the delegates.

“You have really opened the eyes of the people. You’ve truly opened my eyes and you’ve truly opened the delegates’ eyes and it’s starting to reach the chapters as well,” Delegate BeGaye said. “You’ve done a good job. We need to figure out how we can all continue to work together to continue lowering the diabetes rate.”

Council Delegate Jonathan Nez viewed the passage of the Healthy Diné Nation Act as an act of sovereignty.

“People out there are talking about this and it’s even international and national news,” said Delegate Nez. “I see this as a step toward self-sufficiency and an exercise of our sovereignty and if we move this forward I think it will show that we are the leader of American Indian nations.”



Law and Order Committee



Edmund Yazzie - Chairperson

Did the committee accomplish what you set out to do in 2013?

Our committee, for the most part, has accomplished much of what we set out to do in the last year. I am proud to say that we have got the ball rolling on some initiatives that are aimed at strengthening the Navajo Nation criminal laws, emergency management, and a compact with Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort. One of the main goals that we have kept in mind is to promote public safety through updated technologies, and to help shape laws that will fit our Nation today. Of course, we also had to address the juvenile justice concerns to better protect the rights and care of Navajo youth, as well as the public health concerns regarding disease control in tribal jails. We will continue to advocate for the Navajo people to ensure their needs are met in respect to public safety and justice.

What is the committee's most significant initiative to date?

Title 17 is a set of criminal laws that were decriminalized years back and it has been detrimental to public safety. Navajo Nation police officers have run into roadblocks that prevent them from doing their jobs to the best of their abilities. That is why we began a task force to amend Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code. This does not just aid law enforcement, but it will impose stricter penalties through the judicial system and victims will receive justice. Our committee, as well as the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Corrections, and the Judicial Branch will continue to meet to examine every avenue possible to strengthen Title 17, so that it does not conflict with any other codes in Navajo law. It is time to inform Navajo people that we are taking stringent action to combat crime, alcohol-related issues, drug use and distribution, and continue to maintain a positive working relationship with county DUI task forces, as well as state and federal agencies.

What new challenges do you think the committee will face in 2014?

In relation to committee duties, we have begun discussions regarding the alcohol sales tax that is derived from casino revenues. It is not a secret that the Navajo Nation has had many negative issues when it comes to alcohol, so we feel it is time we begin thinking about the future of our people. We propose to have a portion of the alcohol sales tax go towards public safety and social service programs to support the effort to fight alcohol-related problems. Another challenge that has been brought to our attention are border town liquor stores. A task force will soon be created to tackle this problem as well.

What are the committee's priorities for 2014?

We will continue to work on Title 17 to strengthen the criminal code. Our hope is to reverse the problems that arose from the decriminalization of the laws. This also ties into our new initiative to confront the alcohol problem in Navajo land. Improving public safety and social services through the proposed alcohol sales tax will enable these programs to empower the people and promote a healthier living way of life. Another priority is to address the border town liquor stores. Their sales have affected our Navajo people for so long and we want to send a message to them that we are watching, and we will be doing something about the problems that they have caused. 2014 is going to be a year in which we can look back our new accomplishments, and right now we are ready to begin work on these issues.

Budget and Finance Committee



LoRenzo Bates - Chairperson

Did the committee accomplish what you set out to do in 2013?

Yes, we were able to bring attention to reversions of funding from external sources, namely funds that are federal dollars. It is important the Navajo Nation begin to seriously pay attention to the reversions. Simply because we have not held programs accountable for the lack of efficient spending measures. Another concern we have addressed is the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise's revenue projections, which are not being met. Thankfully, we were able to enter into a forbearance agreement with the lenders so we can take corrective action to counteract this issue. At the chapter level, we have been able to carry out audits and enforce corrective action plans for the local governments to follow. We are committed to monitoring their progress so they may become a more self-sufficient and accountable chapter.

What is the committee's most significant initiative to date?

The bond financing was a tough project that we were eager to take on. Although Council does not want to go down that path yet, it was a very rewarding learning process because it illustrated to us the necessary tools we can use in the future. We have not closed the door on bond financing, but we are enthusiastic to see what the future holds. The other initiative we are quite proud of accomplishing is identifying the reversions of federal funding and other external sources. We will find avenues to maximize any funds that come into the Nation so we do not lose out on opportunities. The Executive Branch oversees the divisions and departments in the Navajo Nation, and has assured the BFC committee that they are currently planning to implement accountability measure to ensure that the monies are spent efficiently.

What new challenges do you think the committee will face in 2014?

As mentioned before, we plan on continuing to look into bond financing, as well as monitoring the Nation's investments. I am happy to report that the stock market has been kind to our Nation, and the next task is to decide what to do with the investments. Do we take advantage of the investment funds, withdraw it, and begin spending the money on the Nation for capital projects, infrastructures, programs, power lines, etc.? Or do leave our investments in the stock market and hope it continues to grow? These are very hard questions to answer because the stock market is unpredictable, and our committee will consult with Council on what the next step should be.

What are the committee's priorities for 2014?

The Regionalization/Decentralization initiative has been challenging for our committee to take on. However, we are looking forward to its implemented, hopefully by June 2014. We now need to create a fund management plan for the \$3 million allocated for the initiative and finalize the plans for service centers and transitioning staff to the new positions. Second, we would like to present to Council a proposed debt services plan using the current set-asides, and begin using resources from the permanent and general funds to begin projects that the Navajo Nation needs, especially in respect to infrastructures. Finally, we will continue to maintain the everyday priorities of in aiding programs, monitoring our investments, and maximizing the Nation's funds in the best way possible.

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Law and Order Committee

The Law and Order Committee has worked diligently to accomplish important goals that impact the well-being and safety of the Navajo people. The committee is charged with overseeing public safety issues and task forces to strengthen Navajo penal codes, aid law enforcement, promote juvenile justice, and advocate for judicial and public safety infrastructures throughout the Navajo Nation. It is important to bring these services to the people at a more localized level. The progression and accomplishments of the Law and Order Committee is evident in the following areas addressed in the last quarter:

- ❖ Continue to advocate for the construction of judicial/public safety facilities, and have stayed consistent in updating the progress of each proposed justice center according to the priority listing, funding, and external auditing.
- ❖ Approved legislation to create a stronger agreement between the Navajo Nation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to improve the Nation's response to major disasters that occur on Navajo land.
- ❖ Began addressing the issue of alcohol through an initiative that will take a portion of alcohol sales tax from casinos to be diverted to public safety and social service programs.
- ❖ Approved legislation to accept a grant for \$78,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice to fund the Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Information Sharing Project. The grant will allow for the improvement of current sex offender registry processes, information sharing between law enforcement and the Judicial Branch, and it will lay the foundation to strengthen sex offender laws.

Health, Education, and Human Services Committee

The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee has continued to work diligently on their priorities for the Nation by initiating legislative oversight pertaining to health related issues, social services, education, general governmental services and human services. This has been a monumental task as they made strong efforts to ensure the delivery of services to the Navajo people by:

- ❖ Passing legislation to collaborate with all Navajo Nation jails to provide funding for routine infectious disease screening and control program.
- ❖ Approving the elimination of the sales tax on fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, water, nuts, seeds and nut butter to promote healthy eating.
- ❖ Approving the implementation of a 2% sales tax on junk food to reduce health risks associated with eating unhealthy.
- ❖ Amending certain provisions of the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manuel related to job vacancies and classification of positions.

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Resources and Development Committee

The Resources and Development Committee has an extensive agenda pertaining to the Nation's natural resources, economic development, transportation, community development and environmental protection issues. The Committee has continued defending the Nation's abundance of natural resources and development opportunities by:

- ❖ Investing initial capital in the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC with funds allocated and distributed from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance.
- ❖ Approving the Peabody Western Coal Company Lease No. 14-20-603-991, for the purpose of setting a water rate.
- ❖ Approving a budget reallocation in the amount of \$65,000 for a new business unit for the Thoreau Senior Citizen Center construction upgrade to meet code compliance.
- ❖ Approving a right-of-way to the City of Gallup to construct, operate, and maintain a waterline for the Gallup Rural Navajo Water Supply Project on Navajo Nation trust lands located in the Twin Lakes Chapter vicinity.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee is charged with some of the Nation's most difficult tasks, which include fiscal policies, financial responsibilities, business ventures, and growing investments of our Navajo people's money. With such a daunting task, this committee has persevered in their duties and made decisions that were in the best interest of the Nation. In the last quarter, below are some of the most significant accomplishments that the committee has completed and continues to pursue:

- ❖ Currently addressing specific conditions of appropriations in the FY2014 budget that were line-item vetoed by President Ben Shelly, which is currently making its way through the legislative process.
- ❖ Approved an indirect cost rate of 16.95% for FY2009-14, which allows the Navajo Nation to collect funds from the federal government through contracts, agreements, and grants.
- ❖ Continues working with the Executive Branch to aid with the Regionalization/Decentralization initiative. This service-oriented effort is to provide increased localized services at the chapter level and to phase out the Local Governance Service Centers, while transitioning current employees to their new positions in the regional service centers.
- ❖ Addressing concerns with gaming revenue projections by discussing different avenues to rectify the situation through the authorization of a forbearance agreement that allowed the Nation time to take corrective action.

Resources and Development Committee



Katherine Benally- Chairperson

How do you think the Nation's Energy will benefit the Nation?

I see it as energy independence for all of us. Meaning, rather than waiting for the federal government to say, "Okay, coal is unsafe and unhealthy." We can decide on our own. The goal to do it safely and still keep the people employed. We have an abundance of other natural resources that we have not even begun to tap into to. It tells me that we achieved energy independence and we can actually get into the exporting business. We aren't reliant on the coal because we have lots of oil. We can start liquefying the coal and still achieve the same means.

Does your committee have any plans to address water rights settlements in the next year?

Certainly, we are going to start moving legislation towards the Utah settlement and now that the federal government has assigned someone specifically to start finalizing the negotiation. It's not like we haven't started the negotiations, we have been doing that all along. Now we are at the peak. I think it's time to starting moving that legislation forward. Likewise, once all the studies are finalized. There's movement. I don't know if we'll accomplish it, but I'm hoping the new Council and RDC will put to use what we are currently putting our funds into to.

Why do you think the Bond Financing bill did not get approved by Council? Do you plan on reintroducing a similar bill?

They felt like the funding wasn't earmarked equally among the agencies. I didn't even view it in that way. It was really just setting up funds. My thinking was the funds and the mechanisms will be set up and all these projects will be approved. Once they get moved up, not necessarily in any particular order that was listed, just by the order that they are screened by another source, another agency that would have screened them more thoroughly to see if they would be financially viable. That was the process we are setting up. But, I'm hearing people might reconsider or reintroduce the legislation. I am encouraging it.

What are some goals you would like your committee to achieve in the upcoming year?

We already set our goals three years ago in a strategic planning session. We've been working on the Range Management Act of 2014. We've been collaborating and working with the people, grazing officials and also the Department of Agriculture. We are at a point where we proposed six questions and we want to present that to the Navajo Nation in a form of a referendum vote in November, so they will have a say in six areas. Those ideas stem from our first discussion regarding Many Farms and some of the former and current grazing officials. They are really concerned about the land and how their resources are limited. I believe the proposed new law will address some of those areas. Also, it will promote accountability and it will give the opportunity for our young people to get home site leases. We heard from a lot of young people and they kept saying that all these grazing permit holders are not allowing us to move home. They are all moving to cities and towns and it is because they are not given or afforded the opportunity to move home. They are prohibited by these grazing permit holders. So that's going to be the question that you all are going to answer in the fall. We hear you. These are tough tough decisions especially with the grazing permits. Permit holders are a powerful group. There are only 10,000 permits out there. 3,000 are active which means that people are actually using it. 7,000 are just holding on to it to prevent progress.

Health, Education, and Human Services Committee



Jonathan Hale - Chairperson

What are some of the goals you would like your committee to achieve in the upcoming year?

One would be to clarify the roles of the due process within the personnel policies manual based on employees and how should handle grievances. For example, the process of attending hearings and appeals and not relying on the Labor Commission. That type of grey area creates an environment to where people hold positions and they can't fill it. Therefore, leaving a backlog where workers probably just get paid if they are away from the office and away from their position. If your boss is saying he/she wishes they we could get another person for this job, but they don't have the money, it is because they are on administrative leave. Overall, these workers get paid but there's nobody doing productive work.

How do you think the Nation's first university will impact Navajo communities?

Hopefully it will be a positive impact. I'm waiting to see what type of initiatives Navajo Technical College is bringing forth. They have bachelor's degrees for two areas and I expect more to be offered soon. It would be a positive impact if they can develop and work with their accreditation entities. We have to ask ourselves: how's a technical college different from NTU in the accreditation factor and what other ways do they have to develop their curriculum in the university setting? What does the word 'technical' mean in the title Navajo Technical College? For example, it's like saying maybe this other one is 'technical' math-but there's this other 'honors' classes over here-so what's this correlation?

Do you think Affordable Care Act is helping Navajo people?

I think it will awaken their lifestyle as far as the food they eat, exercise intake, and the need for annual checkups. What types of sicknesses lurk in the family? Is there hereditariness? How do we get out of it? For example, it gives us a better understanding to healthcare because the outside world will make these decisions for us. The Navajo people are caught in the mix. Until we recognize that the outside world is moving farther and faster than us, then, we, as Navajo people, will have to educate ourselves and change. Change is something people do not like to do. They will fight change. With the ACA, its coming, whether we choose to get in line or get things in order ourselves, they will change it for us because it all compacts monies. Monies that are delivered down to the Indian Health Service, that are delivered to the 638 and other Indian Health Service providers. It also relates back to contract health dollars.

What do you think is the biggest obstacle to establishing a Department of Health?

The biggest obstacle is communication and understanding. Look what is happening with the Tséhootsoó Medical Center. The Nation cannot do anything about the current situation because of the unwillingness of the 638 programs to come under the Nation's control. Although, the main intent is to always try to educate our people, it makes me think, as a Nation are we doing anything to prevent this type of situation? We are not talking about these things. Even when we hear reports as a committee, it does not include an exact break down in the reports. It could be missing the hard information that we need to hear. Eventually, our Nation needs a Department of Health.

Thoreau Students Visit the Nation's Capital

Around 9 a.m. on the opening day of the Winter Council Session, 13 eighth grade students from St. Bonaventure Indian School were greeted by a legislative staff member and lead through the gallery of the Council Chamber where they viewed the mural paintings on the walls, which depict Navajo history dating back centuries.

Along the way, the students had the honor of meeting and speaking briefly with Miss Navajo Nation 2013-2014 Natasha Hardy, and a few of the Council Delegates who were awaiting the start of the session.

After the tour, the students were lead to their seating on the Council floor just a few feet away from where their delegates were seated. Following the invocation, the students stood before the Council and lead the public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Evonne Canton, a language arts teacher at the school, accompanied the students on the field trip. Canton has taught at the school since 2006, and explained that she wanted the students to have an educational experience and thought the idea of visiting the Council Chambers would be a great opportunity.

St. Bonaventure Indian School is a private Catholic school located in the community of Thoreau. The school opened its doors in 1980 and it wasn't until 1986, that the school expanded their grade levels from preschool through grade 12.



Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie represents the community of Thoreau, and arranged Monday's field trip.

"St. Bonaventure has about 100 to 150 students and they are of mixed ethnicities including American Indian. This school does not really get as much exposure as other bigger schools. So, this was the school's first time participating with the Navajo Nation Council, it was a good day for representation for the school," said Delegate Yazzie.

Following the visit, Canton said the students were surprised that there was only one female delegate.

"They saw firsthand that the female delegate challenged some of the things going on. So, we discussed that. Overall, they were very curious of the voting process and everything. It was an honorable event to be a part of," said Canton.

The students learned that the legislative districts are represented by very few delegates, how the legislative branch differs from the executive and judicial branches, and were able to see the delegates in a professional setting, according to Canton.

"The most important thing here is that the students were able to see how it was their government, not the United States government, which was set into motion. They got to see how their government played out," said Canton.





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Legislation	Committee Assignment					
	Budget and Finance	Health, Education, and Human Services	Law & Order	Resources and Development	Naa'Bik'iyati'	Navajo Nation Council
<p>Legislation No. 0340-13, sponsored by Honorable Leonard Tsoisie, overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-57-13.</p> <p>Action: The Council voted down the legislation with ten (10) supporting and ten (10) opposing. Required two-thirds approval, or 16 supporting votes, to pass.</p>					✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0364-13, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, amending 2 N.N.C. §603, Meeting Dates of the Law and Order Committee.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with twenty (20) supporting and one (1) opposing. Required two-thirds approval, or 16 supporting votes, to pass.</p>			✓		✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0003-14, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, removing Johnny Naize as Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council.</p> <p>Action: The Council voted down the legislation with eleven (11) supporting and twelve (12) opposing. Required two-thirds approval, or 16 supporting votes, to pass.</p>					✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0369-12, sponsored by Honorable Jonathan Nez, referring a Referendum Measure on Amending 2 N.N.C. §102.</p> <p>Action: The Council voted down the legislation with eight (8) supporting and nine (9) opposing.</p>					✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0462-12, sponsored by Alton Joe Shepherd, amending the Navajo Nation Election Code at 11 N.N.C. §§8, 21 and 240 for Purposes of Clarifying Qualifications Provisions and Delegating to the Navajo Election Administration the Authority to Enforce Qualifications Provisions.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with fourteen (14) supporting and five (5) opposing.</p>			✓		✓	✓

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Legislation	Committee Assignment					
	Budget and Finance	Health, Education, and Human Services	Law & Order	Resources and Development	Naa'Biik'iyati'	Navajo Nation Council
<p>Legislation No. 0500-12, sponsored by Honorable Russell Begaye, amending Resolution CAP-15-10 to Extend the Period of a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Allowing the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court for Compliance with National Protection Act in Order to Carry Out HUD Grants and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to be Certifying Tribal Official to Executive Form 7015.15 through September 30, 2017.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with sixteen (16) supporting and four (4) opposing. Required two-thirds approval, or 16 supporting votes, to pass.</p>				✓	✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0118-13, sponsored by Honorable Jonathan L. Hale, recommending and Approving the Navajo Nation Chapters' Infrastructure Improvement Priority Projects for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2018.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eleven (11) supporting and six (6) opposing.</p>	✓			✓	✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0289-13, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, amending Title 24 of the Navajo Nation Code by Enacting the Healthy Dinè Nation Act of 2013.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with twelve (12) supporting and seven (7) opposing.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0290-13, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, amending 24 N.N.C. §§605 ET SEQ. Approving the Elimination of the Sales Tax on Fresh Fruits, Fresh Vegetables, Water, Nuts, Seeds and Nut Butters.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with seventeen (17) supporting and one (1) opposing.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0329-13, sponsored by Honorable Edmund Yazzie, confirming the Nomination of Ms. Bessie L. Tsosie to the Commission on Navajo Government Development.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with ten (10) supporting and four (4) opposing.</p>					✓	✓

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Legislation	Committee Assignment					
	Budget and Finance	Health, Education, and Human Services	Law & Order	Resources and Development	Naa'Bik'Iyati'	Navajo Nation Council
<p>Legislation No. 0334-13, sponsored by Honorable Jonathan L. Hale, recommending Codification of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2013, as expressed in HR 3043 and S 1507.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eighteen (18) supporting and zero (0) opposing.</p>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0336-13, sponsored by Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, amending 11 N.N.C. §§82 and 145 by Authorizing the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to Set the Time for Opening and Closing of Polls in Special Elections.</p> <p>Action: The Council voted down the legislation with seven (7) supporting and eleven (11) opposing.</p>			✓		✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0361-13, sponsored by Honorable Jonathan L. Hale, approving the Reinstatement of Lee Andrew Lucio, Jr. as a Member of the Navajo Nation</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eighteen (18) supporting and zero (0) opposing.</p>		✓			✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0013-14, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, approving the Reinstatement of Lori Louise Miles as a Member of the Navajo Nation.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eighteen (18) supporting and zero (0) opposing.</p>		✓			✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0014-14, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, approving the Reinstatement of Loren Dean Miles as a Member of the Navajo Nation.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eighteen (18) supporting and zero (0) opposing.</p>		✓			✓	✓
<p>Legislation No. 0015-14, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, approving the Reinstatement of Mary Louise Miles as a Member of the Navajo Nation.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with eighteen (18) supporting and zero (0) opposing.</p>		✓			✓	✓



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	Budget and Finance	Health, Education, and Human Services	Law & Order	Resources and Development	Naa'Bik'iyati'	Navajo Nation Council
<p>Legislation No. 0016-14, sponsored by Honorable Danny Simpson, approving the Purchase of the Richard White Property, 640 Acres, More or Less, located in Cibola County, Ramah/Pinehill, New Mexico, for \$288,000 Plus Costs and Expenses; Approving the Expenditure of Funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund Consistent with the Land Acquisition Trust Fund Act, 16 N.N.C. §§201-208, in the Amount Approved for the Purchase of the Richard White Property; and, Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to Execute the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Richard White Property after the Navajo Nation Land Department and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice Comply with the Implementing The Navajo Tribal Policy on Acquisition of Lands, RCAG-28-84.</p> <p>Action: The Council passed the legislation with thirteen (13) supporting and five (5) opposing.</p>					✓	✓
KEY	✓ - Considered and Recommended ✓ - Final Approval Authority					



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22nd Navajo Nation Council	Legislation No. 0340-13	Legislation No. 0364-13	Legislation No. 0003-14	Legislation No. 0369-12	Legislation No. 0462-12	Legislation No. 0500-12	Legislation No. 0118-13	Legislation No. 0289-13	Legislation No. 0290-13	Legislation No. 0329-13	Legislation No. 0334-13	Legislation No. 0336-13	Legislation No. 0361-13	Legislation No. 0013-14	Legislation No. 0014-14	Legislation No. 0015-14	Legislation No. 0016-14
	Apachito, George	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bates, LoRenzo	X	✓	✓	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Begay, Elmer	X	✓	X	---	---	✓	X	X	✓	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Begay, Mel	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	---	---	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BeGaye, Nelson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Begaye, Russell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Benally, Katherine	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	---	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Butler, Joshua Lavar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curley, Lorenzo	---	---	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Damon, Charles	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hale, Jonathan	✓	✓	X	---	✓	---	---	✓	✓	---	✓+	X	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maryboy, Kenneth	---	✓	X	---	X	✓	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Naize, Johnny	S	S	S	X	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Nez, Jonathan	---	---	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pete, Leonard	✓	✓	✓	---	✓	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Phelps, Walter	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shepherd, Alton Joe	X	✓+	✓+	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Simpson, Danny	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓+	X	✓	✓	✓	✓+	✓+	✓+	✓+
Smith, Roscoe	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	---	✓	✓	---	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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Tom, David	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tsinigine, Duane	✓	✓	X	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tsosie, Leonard	✓+	✓	✓	---	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Witherspoon, Dwight	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Yazzie, Edmund	X	✓	X	✓	---	✓	✓	X	✓	✓+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yea	10	20	11	8	14	16	11	12	17	10	18	7	18	18	18	18	13
Nay	10	1	12	9	5	4	6	7	1	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	5
Did Not Vote	4	3	1	7	5	4	7	5	6	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Result	F*	P*	F*	F	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	P	P
Key	✓ = Support X = Oppose --- = Did Not Vote + = Primary Sponsor S = Speaker or Speaker Pro-Tem: No Voting Privileges (unless to break a tie) P = Legislation PASSES F = Legislation FAILS *Needs 2/3 (16 votes) to Pass																