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### **COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA SET**

Speaker Lawrence Morgan presented his recommendations for the Navajo Nation Council's special session agenda to the Ethics and Rules Committee today during a committee meeting.

The Committee adopted a proposed agenda for the Council's special session which will take place December 21-22, 2006. Under Navajo Nation law, the Ethics and Rules Committee adopts an agenda for the Council upon recommendation by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council.

The Committee deleted several emergency items seeking supplemental appropriations off the agenda. Francis Redhouse (Teecnospos), who made the motion to delete, said that the items did not appear to meet the standards of an emergency as described in the Navajo Nation Code.

Redhouse cited Title 2 § 164: "*Matters constituting an emergency shall be limited to the cessation of law enforcement services, disaster relief service, fire protection services or other direct services required as an entitlement under Navajo Nation or Federal law, or which directly threaten the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation.*"

Requests for supplemental appropriations from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance which were deleted include requests for \$2 million for Diné Power Authority; \$5.5 million to the Navajo Nation Equity Investment Task Force for equity investment in the Desert Rock Energy Project and Navajo Transmission Project; \$150,000 to Wingate High School for Navajo language initiatives; \$2,515,000 to replace the electrical transformer serving Shiprock, Gadiiahi and Hogback Chapters; \$75,000 for the Native Warrior Sculpture as the Native American Veterans' Memorial; \$500,000 for construction of the Sawmill Commercial Center; \$915,976 for pre-construction costs of the Native Broadcast Enterprise Multi-Media Center; and \$2 million to Diné Power Authority.

Remaining on the agenda as an emergency supplemental appropriation for Council consideration is a request for \$1,247,450 from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance to address federal review deficiencies in the Head Start program.

The undesignated, unreserved fund balance includes monies which are above and beyond initial or current revenue projections. It may only be amended by 2/3 vote of the entire Council.

The agenda includes hearing an oral report from the Navajo Housing Authority on the status of operations at NHA and legislation to override the President's veto of Resolution NO. CO-50-06; approve the Tse'daa'kaan Gaming Enterprise; enact the Judicial Branch Appropriations Act of 2006; amend the Navajo Nation Civil Trespass Act; approve the Navajo Nation Cemetery Amendment of 2006; amend the Uniform Tax Administration Statute; establish August 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as Navajo Nation Navajo Code Talkers Day; and enact the Title 17, General Provisions and Offenses Amendment Act of 2006.

The Council is also set to honor the late Council delegate Albert Ross from St. Michaels Chapter; the Vice President of the Navajo Nation Frank Dayish, Jr.; and Michelle Begay with Navajo Area Indian Health Service Crowpoint Healthcare Facility for being a recipient of the 2005 Luana Reyes Leadership Award. These may be the final expressions of condolence, appreciation and congratulations that the Navajo Nation Council will issue using the legislative process. On January 1, 2007, the administrative issuance of such expressions will take effect when the Speaker's office will have the authority to issue such certificates on behalf of the Council.

The Navajo Nation Council special session begins at 10 a.m. each day at the historic Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona).

The Navajo Nation Council special session proposed agenda is available on the Navajo Nation Council website at:

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/121506-ProposedSpecialSessionAgenda.pdf>