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PROPOSED SUMMER SESSION AGENDA ADOPTED

The Ethics and Rules Committee adopted a proposed agenda for the Navajo Nation Council's Summer Session to be held July 17-21, 2006.

Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan presented a recommended agenda, which was accepted 6-0 by the Committee today.

On the first day of session, the Council is expected to hear the state of the nation address from President Joe Shirley and separate oral reports from Utah State Governor Jon Huntsman, Arizona State Governor Janet Napolitano, Arizona State Attorney General Terry Goddard, the Office of the Speaker and the Navajo Department of Justice on border town violence, and the Native American Professional Basketball Team on the 2006-2007 season.

There are three items under Old Business for the summer session, including a supplemental appropriation request for Willie Keeto for \$70,000 from the unreserved, undesignated fund balance as compensation for loss of customary use rights for the Navajo Nation administrative area, enacting the Intergovernmental Traffic Offense Data Act of 2006 and amending the plan of operation for farm boards.

Under New Business, there are five requests for supplemental appropriations, including a request for \$11 million from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance for the 110 Navajo Chapters; a request for \$11 million from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the 110 Navajo Chapters; a request for \$275,463.27 from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance to pay outstanding costs of autopsy services; a request for \$1 million to design, develop and implement a skilled nursing facility in Fort Defiance; and a request for \$149,574.17 from the undesignated, unreserved fund balance for the implementation of a photographic card system for enrolled members of the Navajo Nation. All five requests require two-thirds vote of the entire Council to pass.

Other items the Council is expected to consider include an emergency legislation expressing a vote of no confidence in the director of the Department of Dine Education; honoring the late Teddy Goldtooth, former Council delegate for Toh Nanees Dizi and Coalmine Canyon Chapters; amending the Navajo Nation Code to clarify referendum votes; enacting the Fairness in Appropriation Act of 2006; and endorsing Congressman Rick Renzi for the U.S. House of Representatives.

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