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### **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION**

The Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to meet in a special session October 30 through November 1, 2006, at the historic Council Chamber in Window Rock, Ariz., beginning each day at 10 a.m.

Several items remained on the Council's fall session agenda on Friday when it adjourned. This special session was recommended by Council delegates upon adjournment on October 20, 2006, to consider the remaining items.

Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan provided his recommendation for the special session agenda to the Ethics and Rules Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006. The Committee passed the agenda, with five amendments, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

The first amendment passed by the Committee was to add an oral report from Vice President Frank Dayish. While there were concerns that the addition of one report would lengthen the agenda, the Committee decided it would be appropriate to hear a report from the Vice President before he leaves office.

The agenda also includes two emergency items for separate supplemental appropriations – the first for the Head Start program at \$1,247,450 and the second for the Department of Water Management for \$1.5 million.

The remaining items for the special session agenda include:

- Referring to referendum vote an amendment to the number of Council delegates
- Referring for referendum vote an amendment to reduce the number of Council delegates
- Recommending amendments to the regulations promulgated under the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.
- Amending the Navajo Nation sales tax (one cent increase to benefit capital improvements for the Judicial Branch and Public Safety)
- Establishing the Gaming Development Fund
- Approving a memorandum of agreement between Hogback Chapter and Navajo Nation (concerning sharing of gaming revenue if gaming occurs within Chapter)
- Approving amendments to the Eastern Navajo Agency Land Boards
- Amending the Election Code for purposes of clarifying qualifications provisions for elective provisions

- Enacting the Veterans Trust Fund Amendments Act of 2006
- Approving the use of \$1,234,000 from the fund income of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to purchase the real properties known as “Counselor Trading Post Properties”
- Establishing the Historical Trust Asset Mismanagement Litigation Trust Fund
- Enacting the Navajo Technical College Act of 2006
- Changing the name of Hogback Chapter to Tse'Daa'Kaan
- Amending the Navajo Nation Civil Trespass Act