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**The 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council Deliberates a number of legislations during  
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WINDOW ROCK Ariz. – The 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council deliberated a number of legislations during the recent Summer Session.

On the first day, Council Delegate Ernest Yazzie Jr. (Baahaali/Church Rock) introduced legislation no. 0317-07. This legislation would appropriate \$22 million from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters by giving each \$200,000.

The council voted 52-31. Yazzie's bill didn't pass. His legislation – needed 59 votes, or a two-thirds majority – for passage.

Another legislation no. 0508-07 centered on water-related issues. This legislation was sponsored by Council \Delegate Jack Colorado (Bodaway-Gap/Cameron/Coppermine)

This legislation proposed dividing \$1.1 million among the chapters to use for incentive payments to encourage people to sell livestock to help alleviate overgrazing.

The legislation didn't passed with a vote of 22-56.

In other action, the legislation sponsored by Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay (Many Farms/Round Rock) seeking funding to pay for a special referendum to ask Navajo voters if they supported spending \$153 million from the Navajo Nation's Permanent Trust Fund.

Council voted 26-52.

The Permanent Trust Fund was established in 1986.

The law establishing the fund called for 12 percent of the tribe's revenue to be placed into the trust annually for 20 years.

Controller Mark Grant has estimated that the PTF could reach \$2 billion sometime between 2015 and 2018.

The legislation sponsored by Council Delegate Larry Anderson (Fort Defiance) that would extend the Term of Office for Council Delegates to six years.

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Currently, the Term of Office for Council Delegates is four years. This legislation didn't pass with a vote of 6 in favor and 60 opposing. On Thursday, July 19, legislation no. 0368-07, was heard. This legislation sponsored by Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Thoreau) proposes to confirm the Navajo Nation Jurisdiction over Sex Offender Registration and Notification for purposes on public law 109-248, Title 1, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

Additionally, the council voted not to give the Navajo Nation President line-item veto power. This legislation sponsored by Council Delegate Raymond Maxx (Toh Nanees Dizi/Coalmine Canyon) failed with a vote of 41-25.