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**Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan offers heartfelt  
gratitude to Arizona Legislators, Sen. Hale and Rep. Tom for  
securing \$2 million for Dilkon Court Facility**

*Arizona State Legislature Awards Multimillion-Dollar Appropriation to the Navajo Nation  
for a Multipurpose Judicial Facility*

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) offers his heartfelt gratitude to Arizona legislators, Sen. Albert Hale (D-Window Rock) and Rep. Albert Tom (D-Chambers) for their hard work to make the \$2 million funding for the Dilkon courthouse a reality on Wednesday, June 19.

The Arizona legislature passed appropriations bills that include the Dilkon courthouse that is designated as a “multi-purpose building appropriation.” The bills are now on their way to Gov. Janet Napolitano.

“When this new judicial facility is built, and used for civil, criminal and peacemaking cases, we as the Navajo Nation can look at that accomplishment,” Speaker Morgan said. “The warm encouragement and invaluable work which we received from Sen. Hale and Rep. Tom is something that I as a Navajo leader will never forget.”

“My own interest in and commitment to the betterment of the Navajo Nation Judiciary Branch stem from my experience with community involvement and improvement,” Speaker Morgan said. “We, as the Navajo Nation, are uniquely privileged to have the vision and a working relationship to fulfill the needs and security for the betterment of all people. That enables us to become fully and truly a sovereign Navajo Nation, to fulfill a constructive mission as the Navajo Nation with composure and confidence for the betterment of all people.”

The multipurpose judicial facility will also be a place where Arizona state Justices of the Peace can work on state law cases, and eventually may be connected to a larger law enforcement complex.

“I am very happy with the appropriation,” Hale said. “A court facility is a critical part of the dispute resolution process.”

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The \$2 million appropriations will come from the state general fund in each of the fiscal years, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 to the Department of Economic Security for distribution to the Navajo Nation for the Dilkon Judicial Multipurpose Center.

Hale thanks the support of the Arizona state legislature, Gov. Napolitano, the Navajo Nation including Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, the 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation Council Judiciary Committee and the Office of the President and Vice President.”

“I particularly thank Ms. Darlene LaFrance, the Dilkon court administrator, and Judge Louise Grant of the Dilkon District Court for their constant lobbying and support. Without them, the appropriation may not have been possible.” Hale added.

Speaker Morgan said, “In closing, I’d like to once again give my deepest, heartfelt gratitude to both Sen. Hale and Rep. Tom for their hard work in making this a reality for all the people of the state of Arizona.”