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Judiciary Committee Chairperson requests public support and assistance

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Kee Allen Begay (Many Farms/Round Rock), Judiciary Committee Chairperson, is requesting support from the public and concerned Navajo Nation citizens when the Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet with Utah Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007 at the Aneth Chapter House in Aneth, Utah.

“Governor Huntsman has a two-day visit to the Navajo Nation to get a briefing on several Utah Navajo issues,” Begay said. “The Judiciary Committee will be meeting with the Governor for about 30 minutes to discuss the need of a court facility.”

He said that during the meeting, the Judiciary Committee will present a proposal to Gov. Huntsman to obtain Utah State funding to construct a court facility to serve the people who live in surrounding area in the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation.

Begay said that the area communities with Navajo residents are: Aneth, Utah; Oljato, Utah; Dennehotsto, Ariz.; Mexican Water, Utah; Navajo Mountain, Utah; Red Mesa, Ariz.; Rock Point, Ariz.; Sweetwater, Ariz. and TeecNosPos, Ariz. need a court facility to serve them.

“A suitable court facility is not available to conduct court services in the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation. This area of the Navajo Nation currently utilizes courts that are located 66 miles away at Shiprock, N.M. and 79 miles away in Kayenta, Ariz.” Begay explained. “Users of the court will include Navajo and non-Navajo individuals and businesses based in and around the Navajo Nation court services are necessary.

Begay said that the Judiciary Committee will be asking for \$6,495,154.

“I believe the committee and the Judicial Administration need to present a persuasive presentation to Gov. Huntsman and justify our request,” he said. “Simply, put; I want to have our Navajo people and non-Navajos to have access to a court services.”