Speaker Morgan announces July 13 Special Session agenda

Some highlights include reports from the Tuba City Health Care Corporation, amendments to the 2010 fiscal year budget, and overriding the Navajo Nation President’s Line Item Veto of Resolution CJN-25-10.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan announced the agenda for the Navajo Nation Council’s special session, which is scheduled to convene on July 13 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The session will begin at 10 am with two reports from the Tuba City Health Care Corporation. The first on the agenda is a report regarding the Diabetes Prevention Program, followed by the second oral report pertaining to Title V Self-Governance Compacting.

There are no items in old business.

There are currently five items under new business. The final agenda will be adopted on July 13 -- some items could be added or deleted.

Some highlights of the special session agenda include four legislative items (Legislative No. 0367-10, No. 0377-10, No. 0378-10, No. 0388-10) sponsored by Council Delegate Young Jeff Tom.

Legislation No. 0367-10 seeks the approval of supplemental appropriation from the 2010 Contingency Management Fund in the amount of $9 million to assist local veterans and Local Veterans Committees at Navajo Nation Chapters.

Legislation No. 0377-10 would appropriate $3 million in Chapter Housing Discretion Funds to Navajo Nation Chapters and Legislation No. 0378-10 would also appropriate $3 million to Navajo Nation Chapters but for Public Employment Programs at each chapter.

Legislation No.0388-10 seeks to override the Navajo Nation President’s line item veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJN-25-10.

On June 24, President Joe Shirley Jr., exercised his line item veto authority for the first time and lined out supplemental appropriations of Resolution CJN-25-10: $3 million for public employment programs to Navajo Nation Chapters, $150,000 for Nazlini Chapter’s proposed post office, $2 million for housing discretionary funds at Navajo Nation chapters and $500,000 in discretionary funds to the Office of the Speaker.

Council delegates Katherine Benally (Dennehotso) and Leslie Dele (Tonalea) are also sponsoring a piece of legislation (Legislation No. 0218-10) that would approve the Drafting of the Western Navajo Agency Decentralization Pilot Project by the Office of Navajo Government Development.

A complete copy of the special session agenda can be found online at www.navajonationcouncil.org.

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