Speaker Morgan announces Fall Session agenda

Navajo Council to convene during week of Oct. 19-23

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 21st Navajo Nation Council will convene for its 2009 Fall Session during the week of Oct. 19-23 at the historic Navajo Nation Council chamber.

During the session, the Council will receive oral reports from the Honorable Lawrence T. Morgan Speaker of the 21st Navajo Nation Council and the Honorable Joe Shirley Jr., President of the Navajo Nation.

Written reports will also be given to the Council by the various standing committees of the 21st Navajo Nation Council, boards and commissions, the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the area director for the Indian Health Services.

Other reports will also be presented by Navajo Housing Authority chief executive officer Aneva J. Yazzie, Ariz. Attorney General Terry Goddard, and Navajo Nation Gaming chief executive officer Robert T. Winter. The council will also receive reports regarding the OnSat and BCDS investigations.

In old business, the Council will entertain Legislation No. 0063-09 sponsored by Norman John II (Twin Lakes). This legislation is relating to resources and economic development and is an act to approve the “Dine Power Authority Amending the Plan of Operation Act of 2009”; amending Title 21 of the Navajo Nation Code, Section 222. This legislation was referred back to the economic, resources and government services committee for further overview during the Council’s Summer Session.

In new business, some highlights of the Fall Session agenda include Legislation No. 0203-07 sponsored by Willie Tracey, Jr. (Ganado/Kinlichee). This legislation is relating to intergovernmental relations to enact the Standing Committee Act of 2007, amending N.N.C §184.

Legislation No. 0506-09 sponsored by Ernest D. Yazzie, Jr. (Baahaali/Church Rock) and Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins) is relating to intergovernmental relations to enact the Navajo Nation Election Consolidation Act of 2009; amending Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code, to combine Navajo Nation general and Chapter elections in one Navajo Nation election.
Legislation No. 0155-09 sponsored by George Arthur (T‘iistoh Bikaad/San Juan/Nenanezad) is relating to health and resources to amend the Navajo Nation Safe Drinking Water Act, 22 N.N.C §§2503, 2504, 2506, 2542, and 2562.

Legislation No. 0373-09 sponsored by Roy B. Dempsey (Oak Springs/St. Michaels) relating to resources to approve the oil and gas exploration and development operating agreement between the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company for certain Navajo Nation trust lands in San Juan County, New Mex.

Legislation No. 0418-08 sponsored by George Arthur (T‘iistoh Bikaad/San Juan/Nenanezad) relating to resources and intergovernmental relations to repeal the resolution adopted July 8, 1930 by the Navajo Tribal Council authorizing the President of the United States to establish the Canyon de Chelly National Monument to be administered by the National Park Service and adopting as the official position of the Navajo Nation the transfer of the administration, oversight and funding of the Canyon de Chelly National Monument from the National Park Service to the Navajo Nation.

A complete copy of the Fall Session agenda is available online at www.navajonationcouncil.org