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Speaker Morgan announces 2010 Fall Session agenda

Some highlights include a supplemental appropriation for the Public Employment Program and Youth Employment Program, the Committee Appointments Act of 2010 and Educational Costs for the Election of Navajo Nation Justices and Judges Referendum

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan has announced the agenda for the 2010 Fall Session of the Navajo Nation Council. The week-long session begins Oct. 18 at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

The session will begin with the State of the Navajo Nation address from Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr., followed by the Speaker's Report to the Council from Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan.

Written reports will also be submitted to the Council by its various standing committees, its boards and commissions, from the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation, the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and from the area director of the Indian Health Services.

Day one is reserved for reports to the Council, and action items begin on day two.

There are two items in old business. Legislation No. 0206-10, sponsored by Young Jeff Tom (Mariano Lake/Smith Lake), seeks to amend the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2010 Budget by approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5 million to Navajo Nation Chapters for public employment and youth employment programs. This item was deleted from the agenda of the Summer Session by a vote of 58-7 allowing the sponsor to obtain an actual balance of the account the funds come from.

Legislation No. 0162-10, sponsored by Rex Lee Jim (Rock Point), seeks approval to amend Title 1 of the Navajo Nation Code. The amendments to Title 1 would secure intellectual property rights of the Navajo Nation Seal and any use of the Navajo Nation Seal would be subject to the approval of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. This item was tabled during the Summer Session to the Fall Session by a vote of 51-15.

There are 19 items in new business. Some highlights include Legislation No. 0546-10, sponsored by Amos F. Johnson (Forest Lake). This legislation seeks approval for a \$173,330 supplemental appropriation to the Navajo Election Administration Office for the educational costs of a referendum to elect Navajo Nation Justices and Judges. The legislation would require amending the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

Legislation No. 0460-10, sponsored by Orlanda Smith-Hodge (Cornfields/Greasewood Springs/Klagetoh/Wide Ruins), seeks the enactment of the Committee Appointments Act of 2010. If approved, Council delegates of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council would be appointed to no more than four standing committees, commissions and boards, excluding membership to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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Legislation No. 0526-10, sponsored by Ernest D. Yazzie, Jr. (Baahaali/Church Rock), seeks enactment of the Navajo Nation Chapter Officer Term Limits Act of 2010. If approved, Navajo Nation Chapter officials would serve only two consecutive full terms in the same office.

Legislation No. 0436-10, sponsored by Tom Lapahe (Tachee/Blue Gap/Whippoorwill) seeks approval for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$304,023.00 to the Division of Public Safety for operational purposes and costs.

Legislation No. 0623-10, co-sponsored by Raymond Maxx and Bobbie Robbins (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi), seeks approval of lease negotiations between the Navajo Nation and Sempra Generation and International Piping Products, Inc., for a Wind Energy Project on Gray Mountain.

Legislation No. 0658-10, sponsored by Kee Allen Begay (Many Farms), seeks the confirmation and permanent appointment of Honorable William J. Platero as a Navajo Nation District Court Judge.

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