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23rd Navajo Nation Council Summer Council Session - July 2016



Annual horse ride includes increase of bikers and runners joining tradition

By Jolene Holgate

Sunday marked the beginning of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council Summer Session with the annual horse ride, bike ride, and running event, which led into the opening day on Monday with the recognition of the riders and runners, along with Diné citizens who have made valuable contributions to the Navajo Nation.

Horse and bike riders, as well as runners, joined Council members on Sunday at the Window Rock fair grounds for the annual horse and bike-riding event. On July 11, riders and runners began their weeklong journey from their respective chapter areas, upholding the tradition started many years ago by previous Navajo

leaders.

In the past, community leaders and Council members rode on horse back or in horse-drawn wagons from their home areas to the Council Chamber, bringing with them their community issues and concerns. The tradition has continued annually in which leaders and Diné citizens ride to Window Rock to observe Navajo policy making at the central government level.

This year, the horse-riding group called the "Chezh Bini Riders" from Whitecone started their trail ride from Cameron with Council Delegate Walter Phelps, and reached the fair grounds late Sunday after-

noon. Trail leader J.R. Lester led the group and provided assistance for the riders along the way.

"Each year myself and a group of riders set out from western agency to ride to Council. The tradition itself sustains who we are as Diné and I would encourage youth and elders alike to come together because that's how we can teach and learn from each other," said Delegate Phelps.

Bicycle riders for the 4th Annual Sihasin for Healthy Sustainable Communities also joined the annual trek to Window Rock starting from the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort and arrived early Sunday after-

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Navajo Nation Council Speaker's Report

By Jared Touchin

On the opening day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council accepted a report from Speaker LoRenzo Bates with a vote of 16-1.

Throughout the report, Speaker Bates highlighted the progress and accomplishments of his Council colleagues and touched on several issues including the Sihasin Fund, Former Bennett Freeze Area, proposed Bears Ears national monument designation, State Task Force accomplishments, energy issues, and others.

Speaker Bates began the report by thanking

the many horse and bike riders who traveled over the course of several days over long distances to convene at the Council Chamber prior to the official start of the summer session.

"Each year, the horse and bike riders set out on a journey that not only brings awareness to important issues such as domestic violence, healthy living, and many others, but the riders also honor and remember our past leaders who served our Nation proudly," stated Speaker Bates.

In regards to the Sihasin Fund, Speaker Bates



PHOTO: (above) Speaker LoRenzo Bates congratulates the "Riding in Sihasin" bike riders for participating in the 20th Annual Council Delegate Trail and Bike Ride.

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noon. Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd, who rode with the group, conveyed his appreciation and gratitude to all the riders who participated in the bike ride, especially the youth. He commended 12-year old bike rider Nigel Horseherder James, from Hard Rock.

“The purpose of this bike ride is to encourage our youth in all aspects of their life, especially to be healthy in mind, body, and spirit. There is a kid that went 300-miles starting from Twin Arrows, and his name is Nigel. We always say we need to walk the walk and talk the talk, but I want to hear from our future leaders—the youth, like him,” said Delegate Shepherd.

He added that the annual ride serves to advocate for crucial issues regarding concerns from Navajo communities to provide education on the prevention of suicide, prevention of substance abuse, to deter domestic violence, and to promote environmental issues and awareness.

Delegate Shepherd also thanked the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe public safety and EMS personnel who monitored and aided all the bike riders and runners who took part in the annual event throughout the Navajo Nation.

Also joining the yearly tradition was the 6th Annual Running for a Stronger and Healthier Navajo Nation sponsored by the Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project, who collaborated and coordinated their 150-mile relay run with the Office of the President and Vice President and the Tour de Rez Riders. The relay race included bike riders and horse riders, who began their tour in Red Mesa.

Vice President Jonathan Nez ran with the group and thanked the runners for their participation and commitment to the annual run.

“We did say we completed 150-miles, however, we actually completed 160-miles! For me I’ve been a part of this horse and bike ride ever since I was a delegate. Thanks to the entities that coordinated these events, we are still able to come together every year and encourage our youth to live healthier lives.”

Vice President Nez added that they avoided

the highways this year and ran through trails throughout the Navajo Nation, such as running through the Chuska Mountains, and allowed youth to see the beauty of Navajo land.

At the conclusion of Sunday’s event, riders and runners camped out at the fair grounds and prepared for the last stretch of their journey to the Council Chamber.

On Monday July 18, Speaker LoRenzo Bates and other council delegates welcomed the riders as they arrived to the Council Chamber from the fair grounds that morning, carrying with them the Navajo Nation Flag, American Flag, and state flags of the four corners region—Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

Speakers from each of the groups were able to address Navajo citizens in attendance and tell of their journeys to Window Rock, and also conveyed issues affecting their home areas.

Speaker Bates emphasized Council’s priorities and highlighted the use of solar energy at the Council Chamber and how the increased use of the power will be utilized in areas needing infrastructure.

“The entire outdoor sound system is powered by solar energy this morning. This is an example of the progress that the 23rd Navajo Nation Council is looking to as a priority. I want to thank Big Navajo Energy in working with my colleagues,” said Speaker Bates. “And to those of you in the Former Bennett Freeze Area, this is an avenue that we are considering to help get more power out to your communities.”

The Birdsprings Veterans Organization served as the color guard for the opening of the summer session, while Miss Indian New Mexico Megan Bedonie provided the invocation and Roxyanne Harvey performed the National Anthem in the Navajo language with her two daughters.

During announcements, Council members recognized two Navajo Nation police officers, Jose Pablo Oliva and Kansas Antone, who completed the police academy from the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center. Officer Oliva serves the Shiprock Po-

lice District and Officer Antone serves in the Crownpoint Police District.

“The Law and Order Committee is very proud of these two officers and we welcome them to the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. We need to continue to support our law enforcement. The Nation needs more officers to ensure the protection of Navajo people, families, and children. We will also have seven more officers graduating from the police academy this month,” stated Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie.

On the second day of the Summer Council Session, members recognized the Navajo Nation Foster Grandparent Program. Eleven volunteers from the Shiprock NNFGP received the recognition on behalf of the organization. The program is federally funded under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

The primary goals of the program are to enable low-income persons age 55-years and older to remain physically, and mentally active to enhance their self-esteem through continued participation in needed community services.

Some of the services that the foster grandparents provide is to enable children with either exceptional or special needs to achieve improved physical, mental, emotional, and social development, thereby assisting them in attaining greater independence in life.

Council members also honored and recognized the late Jacey McCurtain of Crystal. Council Delegate Benjamin L. Bennett expressed appreciation for her services and advocacy for the community of Crystal as the Chapter President.

“Her service and outstanding dedication as a leader, educator, and advocate for Navajo teachings, agriculture, health, elders, youth, and veterans will be dearly missed,” stated Delegate Bennett.

Throughout the week of summer session, Council members continued to recognize several exceptional individuals who provided significant service to the Navajo Nation, and they are as follows: Louva Dahozy, the Navajo Nation Hot Shot Crew, Ruth Williams, and Viola Haskie.

Council reaffirms its support for the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act program

By Crystalynne Curley

On July 20, during the third day of the 2016 Navajo Nation Summer Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0211-16, which seeks to amend Navajo Nation Code Title 17 section 2105 regarding the Sex Offend-

er Registration and Notification Act in relation to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, enacted in 2006.

“I am thankful that my colleagues have supported the efforts and initiatives of SORNA. This leg-

islation will allow the SORNA program to move forward,” stated Council Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr., who sponsored the legislation.

According to Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Sr. Police Officer Pamela Hurley-Vandever, who

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Navajo Nation Council welcomes U.S. Senator Tom Udall to the Navajo Nation

By Jared Touchin

On the third day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council welcomed U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D – N.M.) to the Navajo Nation Council Chamber to provide an informal report regarding congressional bills and initiatives that may impact the Navajo Nation.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates thanked Senator Udall on behalf of the Council for visiting the Navajo Nation. In June, the Council sent a formal invitation to Senator Udall to provide a report during the Summer Session, as part of the Council's overall efforts to build stronger partnerships with state and federal leaders.

In his report to Council, Senator Udall highlighted several congressional bills including a bill he sponsored to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, to require the federal government to test all new chemicals manufactured each year before they go on the market. The new law which was passed by Congress and signed into law, will also require the testing of 85,000 existing chemicals on the market to help protect against cancer, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, birth defects, and other health conditions that may be caused by dangerous chemicals.

"Some have called this the most important environmental law to pass Congress in decades because it fixes a broken 40-year-old law and because it will have widespread impact in industry, our communities and on the Navajo Nation," said Senator Udall. "Our new chemical safety law will finally protect the people on the Navajo Nation, and across the country."

Senator Udall also highlighted the passage of the Senate of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2015, intended to give the Navajo Nation more control over the development of its resources and to create jobs and economic development. The bill was added to a broader energy bill that Senator Udall is working to pass through Congress this year.



PHOTO (above): U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D–N.M.) with students from the community of Chichiltah in the Council Chamber on July 20, 2016.

Council Delegates Walter Phelps, Otto Tso, Dwight Witherspoon, and Raymond Smith, Jr., who each serve on the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, requested the support of Senator Udall to provide federal funding for rehabilitation efforts for the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

Delegate Phelps asked Sen. Udall to consider introducing a senate bill similar to H.R. 3911, a house bill introduced by U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D – AZ) that seeks the approval of technical amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act to waive certain federal regulations to expedite development and rehabilitation efforts within the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

"We need your assistance to get a senate bill introduced," stated Delegate Phelps. "These amendments we're asking for are very critical."

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty requested support for a congressional bill seeking to amend the Indian Tribal Justice Act, to rename the office supporting tribal justice systems and courts to the Office of Tribal Justice System Support and Victim Services and to expand the purpose of the office to include providing services to crime victims.

The bill would also require the office to provide grants to tribes for crime victim compensation programs and services for crime victims including: domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and child advocacy centers, relocation and transitional housing, medical care; and legal services.

Senator Udall also touched on the Gold King Mine spill that occurred in August of 2015, which impacted several Navajo communities when contaminants were released into the San Juan River in New Mexico due to the spill that occurred in the state of Colorado.

In response to the spill, Senator Udall introduced the Gold King Mine Spill Recovery Act of 2015, which would require the federal EPA to compensate those who were impacted by the spill and also require the agency to work with the states and the Navajo Nation to fund and implement long-term water quality monitoring.

"The EPA has so far made \$2 million dollars available for long-term monitoring, but that is not nearly enough. I'm also very disappointed at how long it has taken the EPA to process reimbursements. People impacted by the accident must be made whole. It has been almost a year and that is way too long," Senator



PHOTO (above): U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D–N.M.) provides a report to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council during the 2016 Summer Council Session in the Council Chamber in Window Rock on July 20, 2016.

Udall stated. In regards to uranium mine cleanup efforts, Senator Udall said the full scope of contamination is still unknown, adding that he would continue to push federal officials including the EPA to provide more funding and cleanup efforts.

"It remains a monumental injustice and I will closely follow the progress of cleanup conducted with these funds – and continue the fight until the job is done," said Senator Udall.

"In April, I put the EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on notice. I am unhappy about how long cleanup at the Church Rock Mine is scheduled to take. We have heard it might not begin until 2020 – and may take seven to nine years to finish," Senator Udall added.

Council members also thanked the Senator for his support of the Bears Ears national monument proposal and for his support of the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act, introduced by U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D – N.M.), which seeks to prohibit the exporting and sale of Native American sacred and cultural items.

Senator Udall is currently serving his second term as a member of the U.S. Senate, representing several Navajo communities in the state of New Mexico. He is a member of the U.S. Committee on Indian Affairs and the top democrat on the U.S. Senate Appropriations subcommittee, which determines funding for the Interior Department.

To view the full report from Sen. Udall, please visit: http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/pressReleases/2016/Jul/20JUL2016_Udall_NNC_Speech.pdf

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reported that the Office of the Speaker and the Sihasin Fund Subcommittee continue to work closely with the Navajo Nation Water Management Branch, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Indian Health Service, and others to implement the \$180 million expenditure plan for water and sanitation system projects.

In January, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved legislation to use a portion of the Navajo Nation's \$554 million settlement from the federal government to fund a plan that would use approximately \$101 million for over 60 water projects and an additional \$79 million for nearly 50 sanitation system projects in communities across the Navajo Nation.

"Since, then the Sihasin Fund Subcommittee has worked aggressively with various entities to move the plan forward to initiate the water and sanitation system projects," stated Speaker Bates.

The expenditure plan will require approval through the legislative process, which also includes the approval of a loan agreement between the Navajo Nation and NTUA for approximately \$79 million for the water projects, which was outlined in the legislation passed in January.

The report also highlighted recent efforts of the Inter-Agency Task Force, which is tasked with coordinating and implementing rehabilitation efforts within the nine chapters in the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

Speaker Bates stated that it has been recommended that the task force support H.R. 3911, a congressional bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D – AZ) that seeks certain federal waivers to expedite the development of the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

Speaker Bates also reported that the task force may identify one or two chapters in the FBFA based on the current preliminary requirements that each chapter has completed for development purposes to implement a pilot project to expedite rehabilitation efforts.

"The task force hopes that the pilot project provides other chapters the opportunity to follow the same path. In the future, I will schedule a meeting with all nine impacted chapters and present them an up-

dated progress report," Speaker Bates stated. "I am pleased to see all the entities come together and work as a team to accomplish one goal in healing the communities who were affected by the Bennett Freeze."

Speaker Bates also acknowledged and thanked State Task Force members, including chair Kee Allen Begay, Jr., for their advocacy efforts and accomplishments during the most recent legislative sessions in the states of New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona.

Several accomplishments outlined in the report include the passage of the New Mexico Real ID Act, which was designed to bring the state's driver's licenses and identification cards into compliance with federal standards.

Council members raised concerns over elderly Navajo people who may not have a birth certificate and may not be able to prove their citizenship under the new guidelines. However, task force members met with key New Mexico legislators and New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, and successfully advocated for language to be included in the bill to address those concerns.

The report also highlighted the successful efforts of State Task Force chair Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., along with Arizona State Senator Carlyle Begay, Navajo County Supervisor Jesse Thompson, and Arizona Representative Albert Hale, in working aggressively to secure funding for Hopi BIA Route 60.

"I commend their endless efforts and continued support in helping the surrounding communities. The Low Mountain road and Hopi BIA Route 60, is a 13.5-mile road that was once a high priority by both the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe," stated Speaker Bates. For fiscal year 2016-2017, the Arizona 52nd State Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million from the state general fund to the Department of Transportation for distribution to the Navajo Nation for the route H-60 construction project.

Speaker Bates also thanked members of the Council's Sacred Sites Task Force for their continued support in protecting sacred Navajo items. He also

thanked U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D – N.M.) for introducing the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act, a congressional bill that seeks to prohibit the exporting and sale of Native American sacred and cultural items.

"I thank my colleagues on the Sacred Sites Task Force for their strong advocacy in protecting and retrieving sacred items for the Navajo Nation. As you may know, the Navajo Nation has had several items taken from the boundaries of our homelands and transferred overseas for auction. This illegal trafficking of items that are sacred to our people has also victimized other tribes," Speaker Bates said.

He further explained that Senator Heinrich introduced the bill to enhance the protections of Native American cultural items under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by increasing the sentencing penalty from five years to 10 years for violating NAGPRA and prohibiting the exporting of Native American cultural items obtained in violation of NAGPRA.

"This congressional bill is strongly supported by the Navajo Nation through a resolution sponsored by Council Delegate Jonathan Hale that was unanimously approved by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee on June 23," added Speaker Bates. "The legislation approved by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee clearly outlines the challenges the Navajo Nation has been tasked with in retrieving sacred items and I thank my colleagues for their unanimous support."

Speaker Bates noted that he looks forward to working with the Navajo Nation's congressional leadership to advocate for the passage of the bill by Congress.

Other topics covered in the report include energy, Council Chamber renovation, Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, and others. To view the full report, please visit navajonationcouncil.org under "Press Releases."



PHOTO (above): Council Delegate Otto Tso provided the opening prayer on the opening day of the 2016 Summer Council Session outside the Council Chamber in Window Rock, Arizona on July 18, 2016.



PHOTO (above): Speaker LoRenzo Bates congratulates the Special Diabetes Program runners, led by Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez, for participating in the 20th Annual Council Delegate Trail and Bike Ride.



PHOTO (above): Council Delegate Lee Jack, Sr. along with horse riders from the Western Navajo Agency arrived at the Council Chamber Monday morning in Window Rock, Arizona on July 18, 2016.

Council supports youth employment through approval of funding for the Office of Diné Youth

By Jolene Holgate

On the last day of the Summer Council Session, members unanimously passed Legislation No. 0175-16, which would allocate supplemental funding to the Navajo Nation Office of Diné Youth in the amount of \$207,756 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance. If signed into law by President Russell Begaye, the funds would be used for personnel expenses to hire Navajo high school and college youth throughout the year at Navajo chapters.

According to the legislation, it states that the Office Diné Youth is a program under the Department of Diné Education, which offers opportunities and essential skills and strategies to productively transition youth into adulthood. The office instructs youth on workforce and post high school education, with an objective to enhance character traits, such as integrity, self-discipline, and respect.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. expressed his support for youth employment and emphasized the need to teach Navajo youth important work skills that can influence the field of work that they would like to study in the future.

"A lot of times some areas at the chapters only have them doing jobs like desk work, cleaning, and mopping. They need to be taught skills that will influence them to want to begin looking into careers that they are interested in, and perhaps they can come back to the Navajo Nation and serve their people," said Del-

egate Begay.

Delegate Begay recommended a directive to have the Office of Diné Youth provide the Council with recommendations on specific programs they can implement to hire students, such as youth jobs in the courts, police department, or any other area that can allow students to observe and take part in hands-on job duties.

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie referenced the "Devil Pups" youth program, created by the U.S. Marine Corps, and explained how it has encouraged Navajo youth to become interested in military careers. He suggested that resources from the Office of Diné Youth also go toward young people who would like to take part in the youth military program.

"We always say that we support our Navajo Code Talkers, and it was because of them that we have freedom here. Having said that, I know Crownpoint sends at least 20-25 young men to San Diego. We have young Navajo people interested in the military and we should also be supporting that initiative through our youth employment programs," said Delegate Yazzie.

In 1953, Marine Corps Colonel A. Duncan Shaw, Sr. developed the "Devil Pups" program at Camp Pendleton in California to deter youth delinquency and promote individual qualities in teenage girls and boys to become healthier and successful citizens, and providing them the option to consider military careers.

Stressing the importance of valuable work skills, Council Delegate Walter Phelps suggested that the youth program collaborate with the Navajo Nation Department of Workforce Development, although they do currently work together, but to utilize additional resources to increase youth employment on the Navajo Nation.

"I know they already work together, but there has to be a way that the programs can accelerate the process to ensure Navajo youth are placed in jobs where they can learn meaningful skills and experience within our Nation. I would imagine that the increased collaboration of both departments would be beneficial to this cause," said Delegate Phelps.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Jonathan Hale pointed out to Council members that the legislation is not limited to summer employment, rather the legislation allows for year-round jobs for youth at all 110 Navajo chapters.

Council members voted 19-0 to unanimously approve Legislation No. 0175-16 with one directive. President Russell Begaye will have 10 calendar days to consider the legislation once the resolution is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

Council approves supplemental funding for Phoenix Indian Center

By Jolene Holgate

On the fourth day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, members considered Legislation No. 0161-16, which seeks approximately \$148,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to be allocated to the Phoenix Indian Center to be utilized for the operation of the Navajo-based programs at the center.

The Phoenix Indian Center is a non-profit organization located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The center assists American Indians living within the urban community with services including employment, educational resources, cultural enrichment, and community engagement services.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Jonathan Hale said that Navajo people make up approximately

30-percent of the urban Indian population in Phoenix, and the funding would be specific to Navajo programs and resources.

He added that the funding would go toward social services for Navajo people at the center, which includes Navajo language and culture classes, seminars, and informational sessions. A portion of the funding will fund staff who will provide the services.

Council Delegate Otto Tso emphasized the importance of providing language and cultural programs to Navajo citizens living off the Navajo Nation.

"A lot of Navajo live in Phoenix and they utilize the services at the center. That is why I think it is important to provide funding to them. It would also be good

to do a visit down there and see the services they offer and visit our Navajo people there. We can see what they are learning and how they're staying connected to our Diné culture," said Delegate Tso.

Delegate Tso also touched on the homeless issue in Maricopa County, and suggested that the center begin keeping track of data on displaced Navajo people and families. He added that the center should start to reach out to those populations to begin helping them reintegrate back into stable living conditions and offer resources for employment.

Phoenix Indian Center program manager Jolyana Begay informed Council that the center provides quarterly reports to the Navajo Nation, collects data on

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Council continues to improve judicial facilities with approval of renovation funding for Dził Yijiin District Court

By Jared Touchin

During the Summer Council Session on July 20, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously supported Legislation No. 0404-15, approving supplemental funding from the Navajo Nation's Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$340,000 to renovate and remodel a modular building to be used as a court facility for the Dził Yijiin District Court.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Otto Tso, who serves as a member of the Law and Order Committee which oversees the Judicial Branch, explained that the existing facility is in great need of renovation due to its current dilapidated condition. He also noted that Law and Order members have made judicial facilities one of the top priorities to improve the overall function of the Judicial Branch.

According to documents attached to the bill, the existing facility is in need of improvement to allow court hearings and arraignments to be conducted to address the district's growing caseload.

If the bill is signed and approved by President Russell Begaye, improvements to the facility will include the installation of a new roof system, interior renovation, foundation repairs, and grading to improve drainage issues and parking access.

According to a resolution passed by the Dził

Yijiin Regional Council in April 2015, the courts had to move four times in recent years due to the lack of a permanent and sustainable court facility.

Since 2015, LOC members have met with officials from the Judicial Branch including acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan, and received several reports stressing the need to address outdated and dilapidated facilities.

Following the passage of the legislation on Wednesday, acting Chief Justice Sloan said the funding would benefit the courts and allow it to function and serve the judicial needs of the district.

"The Dził Yijiin Judicial District was created in 2012 and has operated in temporary facilities since then. The current facility is inadequate for a growing district. The appropriation will assist the staff in ensuring judicial services to the public continue to be carried out there. Our needs for safe and secure facilities are great and we are seeking ways to ensure that our services are not negatively impacted as we address these needs," stated acting Chief Justice Sloan.

Law and Order Committee chair Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie, thanked his Council colleagues for supporting the committee's efforts to assist the Judicial Branch and its courts.

"I'm grateful to my colleagues on the Law and Order Committee and the entire Council for their support in rehabilitating the Dził Yijiin District Court facility," stated Delegate Yazzie. "I respectfully ask President Begaye to support the Legislative and Judicial Branches by signing the resolution into law."

Additionally, in January the Council approved \$300,000 to assist in the completion of modular buildings that will house the Navajo Nation Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock. A grand opening for the new facilities will take place in the coming weeks.

According to the Office of the Controller, the remaining balance in the Navajo Nation's UUFB is approximately \$7.6 million as of July 14.

The Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0404-15 with a vote of 19-0. President Russell Begaye will have ten calendar days to consider the resolution once it is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

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is the delegated officer to the SORNA program, the program is under the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety and operating in all the seven NNDPS police districts. Each police district has two designated police officers to be part of the task force pursuant to Navajo Nation Code Title 17.

The SORNA program was created to protect the public on the Navajo Nation from convicted sex offenders. Sex offenders, who reside on the Nation, are categorized into Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, based on the severity of their crimes.

Tier I sex offenders are required to register for 15 years, Tier II sex offenders are required to register for 25 years, and Tier III sex offenders are required to register for life. NNDPS's task is to ensure that all convicted sex offenders who reside, work, or attend any schools on the Nation are registered. The Nation currently has 527 sex offenders, added Hurley-Vandever.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., who serves on the Law and Order Committee, stated that the legislation would improve the program on the Nation and provide federal funding opportunities.

"The Council, Navajo Nation Department of

Justice, and NNDPS have worked cooperatively to develop this legislation. This legislation will allow the enforcement to protect our Navajo people, families, and children who are vulnerable. As a member of the Law and Order Committee, we will continue to request for federal funds and resources to implement SORNA policies. The federal government enacted the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, but they have not funded the SORNA program on the Nation," stated Delegate Begay.

Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd, co-sponsor of the legislation, stated that the priority for the SORNA program is to create a Plan of Operation, which would allow the program to become a unit under NNDPS.

"This legislation clarifies SORNA's policy and it will allow the opportunity for SORNA to create its own Plan of Operation. The Plan of Operation will recognize the program as a unit under NNDPS, which will be fully operated by the Navajo Nation Chief of Police. Currently, the SORNA program has many misunderstandings and miscommunications with the district office, but the Plan of Operation would eliminate that. Most



PHOTO (above): Council Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr. and Navajo Nation police officer Pamela Hurley-Vandever present Legislation No. 0211-16 during the 2016 Summer Council Session in the Council Chamber in Window Rock on July 20, 2016.

importantly, it will allow more funding opportunities," stated Delegate Shepherd.

Legislation No. 0235-16 was officially introduced by Delegate Shepherd on July 20, and will be considered by the Law and Order Committee, which serves as the final authority for the bill.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council members voted 18-0 to pass Legislation No. 0211-16.

Navajo Nation Council approves the Síhasin Fund Twin Arrows Travel Center Development Expenditure Plan

By Jared Touchin

On the third day of the 2016 Summer Council Session on July 20, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0214-16, adopting the Síhasin Fund Twin Arrows Travel Center Development Expenditure Plan.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Leonard Tsoosie, explained that the funding would be used to promote economic development by constructing a convenience store, gas station, and trucker service station at the Interstate-40 interchange near the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort – located approximately 24-miles east of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise CEO Derrick Watchman said the project would benefit the Navajo Nation's gaming industry and overall economy by attracting more visitors to the gaming facility, creating jobs, creating additional tax revenues from retail sales and construction, generating revenue from business site lease fees, and by establishing utilities infrastructure necessary to support future development in the area.

Watchman also noted that the NNGE has contributed over \$2 million of its own funds for pre-development costs including electricity and water infrastructure, land costs, and telecommunications.

The funding for the project is provided through the \$554 million trust mismanagement settlement funds that the Navajo Nation received in 2014 from the federal government, which is held in an account known as the Síhasin Fund that was established in 2014.

The establishment of the Síhasin Fund mandated that any expenditure plans should also be supplemented by leveraged funds, such as matching funds, joint funding, cost-sharing, loan agreements, or bond financing.

Delegate Tsoosie, who serves as the chair of the Síhasin Fund Subcommittee, said the funding for the NNGE would meet the leveraging criteria based on the \$2 million contribution from NNGE thus far and because a portion of the funding would be part of a loan agreement.

According to the legislation, the NNGE would

receive \$2.5 million for the planning, development and construction of infrastructure and an additional \$3.5 million for the planning, development, and construction of the travel center. An additional \$4 million would be loaned to the NNGE for overall construction purposes, which would be paid back to the Nation with interest over a 15-year period.

The legislation also includes a provision that requires the funds to be audited on an annual basis with the audit report submitted to the Council's Naabik'iyáti' Committee, the Office of the Controller, and the Office of the President and Vice President.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council members voted 16-2 to approve the legislation. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority for the bill.

Construction of the travel center is expected to begin this summer and is tentatively scheduled to open in late spring of 2017.

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all participants utilizing the Navajo program, and will continue to make Navajo families a priority.

"What makes our program particularly unique is that we are tribe-specific. I can't stress enough how awesome it is to have our own Diné language classes. The classes are open to urban Navajo families, and there are non-Navajo individuals that do inquire about Navajo classes. However, they make up less than two-percent of our participants. We do allow non-Navajo families to participate, but only in particular times," said Begay.

Council Delegate Raymond Smith, Jr. commended the program for promoting the learning of the Navajo language, but suggested that language classes that individuals complete should be counted as college credits that can be transferred to colleges and universities, or be provided a certificate of completion.

In agreement, Council Delegate Amber Kanabah Crotty stressed the importance of ensuring that the teaching of Navajo culture and language continues to be offered to Diné citizens residing in urban areas.

"I understand that our Navajo people living off the reservation want to stay connected to their language and heritage. I suggest that we not only approve the supplemental funding, but I believe this should be embedded into our Nation's annual budget," said Delegate Crotty.

She added that the Phoenix Indian Center should also assist families and children who have been subjected to the Indian Child and Welfare Act—to keep Navajo children with their families and people. Delegate Crotty suggested that the center begin monitoring ICWA cases and aid families when needed.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. who serves on the Law and Order Committee, noted the shortage of police officers on the Navajo Nation and suggested that the Phoenix Indian Center create a partnership with local colleges and universities in the area to entice Navajo students to consider careers in law enforcement and criminal justice.

"The Law and Order Committee is doing what they can to hire officers and judges on the Nation, but I believe the center can create some sort of curriculum to get students interested in those fields and to come back to Navajo to fill those positions," said Delegate Begay.

He also suggested that the Law and Order



PHOTO (above): Students attend Navajo cultural classes at the Phoenix Indian Center.

Committee meet with the center to begin devising ways to shape the curriculum and help guide the creation of the partnerships needed to initiate the program.

Council members voted 18-0 to unanimously approve Legislation No. 0161-16. President Russell Begay will have 10 calendar days to consider the legislation once the resolution is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

Picture Highlights of the 2016 Summer Council Session



PHOTO (above): On the opening day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, Miss Indian New Mexico XLVIII Megan Badonie delivered the invocation following the Posting of Colors by Birdsprings Veterans Organization.



PHOTO (above): During the opening day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, Roxyanne Harvey and her two daughters, Tsaille Jr. High Princess Natiana King and Lukachukai Headstart Princess Autumn Clah, sang the National Anthem in the Navajo language.



PHOTO (above): The "Riding in Sih Hasin" bike riders lead by Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd traveled 300 miles from Twins Arrows to Window Rock during the 20th Annual Council Delegate Trail and Bike Ride.



PHOTO (above): On the opening day of the 2016 Summer Session, Miss Eastern Navajo Nation Amberlynn Begay, Miss Indian New Mexico XLVIII Megan Badonie, Tsaille Jr. High Princess Natiana King, and Lukachukai Headstart Princess Autumn Clah greet Speaker LoRenzo Bates, Council Delegate Benjamin L. Bennett, Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Council Delegate Davis Filfred, and Council Delegate Otto Tso.



PHOTO (above): One the opening day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, the Law and Order Committee recognized two Navajo Nation police officers, Jose Pablo Oliva and Kansas Antone, for their completion of the police academy from the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center.



PHOTO (above): On the second day of the 2016 Summer Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council recognized the Navajo Nation Foster Grandparent program for their outstanding dedication and volunteerism to provide students with love, patience, and guidance.

23rd Navajo Nation Council Standing Committees, Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Commissions

Council Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee	Health, Education, and Human Services Committee	Law and Order Committee	Resources and Development Committee
Seth Damon (Chair) Dwight Witherspoon (Vice Chair) Tom T. Chee Lee Jack, Sr. Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Leonard Tsosie	Jonathan L. Hale (Chair) Norman M. Begay (Vice Chair) Nathaniel Brown Nelson S. BeGaye Amber Kanazbah Crotty vacant	Edmund Yazzie (Chair) Raymond Smith, Jr. (Vice Chair) Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Otto Tso Herman Daniels, Jr.	Alton Joe Shepherd (Chair) Benjamin L. Bennett (Vice Chair) Davis Filfred Walter Phelps Leonard H. Pete Jonathan Perry

Subcommittees and Task Forces

Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Sacred Sites Task Force	Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Arizona Gaming Subcommittee	Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Title II Reform Subcommittee	Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Sihasin Fund Subcommittee
LoRenzo Bates Davis Filfred Jonathan L. Hale Jonathan Perry Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon	Alton Joe Shepherd Jonathan L. Hale Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon vacant	Alton Joe Shepherd Norman M. Begay Tom T. Chee Amber Kanazbah Crotty Seth Damon Davis Filfred Jonathan Perry Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Otto Tso	Leonard Tsosie Nelson S. BeGaye Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nathaniel Brown Tom T. Chee Seth Damon Davis Filfred Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Otto Tso Vacant
Naabik'iyáti' Committee's State Task Force	Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee		
Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nathaniel Brown Tom T. Chee Seth Damon Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan L. Hale Walter Phelps Vacant	Amber Kanazbah Crotty Jonathan L. Hale Jonathan Perry Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon		

Commissions

Eastern Navajo Land Commission	Navajo-Hopi Land Commission	Utah Navajo Commission
Leonard Tsosie Norman M. Begay Seth Damon Jonathan Perry Edmund Yazzie	Walter Phelps Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Lee Jack, Sr. Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon	Nathaniel Brown Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred

For more information on meeting dates, times, and locations, as well as legislations and news, please visit: www.navajonationcouncil.org

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Legislation Results

*Chaired the discussion - Only votes in the event of a tie

LEGISLATION 0203-15

Approving Amendmets to 6 N.N.C. § 616

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Walter Phelps

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (15):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso

NAY (4):

Leonard H. Pete
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon
Benjamin L. Bennett

NOT VOTING (4):

Seth Damon
*Edmund Yazzie
Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay

LEGISLATION 0404-16

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$340,725 for Dzil Yijiin Remodel

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Otto Tso

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (19):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (4):
Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Jonathan L. Hale
*Edmund Yazzie

LEGISLATION 0025-16

Waiving the Sovereign Immunity of the Navajo Nation with Respect to the Navajo Nation Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act. Establishing New Sections in Title 18 at 18 N.N.C. § § 1701 Et. Seq.

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Benjamin L. Bennett

ACTION: FAILED

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

YEA (11):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Walter Phelps
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (10):

Nelson S. BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan L. Hale
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NOT VOTING (2):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay

LEGISLATION 0185-16

Amending 2 N.N.C. § 700, To Provide For a Leadership Meeting Between the Navajo Nation Council and the President and Executive Directors Before a Regular Session of the Navajo Nation Council

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Davis Filfred

ACTION: TABLED no later than 2016 Fall Council Session

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

YEA (12):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Dwight Witherspoon

NAY (3):

Leonard H. Pete
Leonard Tsosie
Edmund Yazzie

NOT VOTING (8):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan Perry

LEGISLATION 0214-16

Adopting the Sihasin Fund Twin Arrows Travel Center Development Expenditure Plan Pursuant to Resolution No. CD-68-14 and 12 N.N.C. § § 2501-2508

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Leonard Tsosie

ACTION: PASSED

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

YEA (16):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NAY (2):

Edmund Yazzie
Raymond Smith, Jr.

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Jonathan L. Hale

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Legislation Results

*Chaired the discussion - Only votes in the event of a tie

LEGISLATION 0211-16

Amending the Navajo Nation Code at 17 N.N.C. § 2105, Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Raymond Smith, Jr.

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (18):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Lee Jack, Sr.
Walter Phelps

LEGISLATION 0118-16

Amending 3 N.N.C. § 878(C)

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Dwight Witherspoon

ACTION: REFERRED to the Resources and Development Committee for no later than four weeks

YEA (10):

Nathaniel Brown
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan L. Hale
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (8):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Seth Damon
Lee Jack, Sr.
Walter Phelps
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Davis Filfred

LEGISLATION 0154-16

Amending Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Budget, CS-39-15, and Approving the Appropriation of \$51,241 to the Office of Legislative Services, Business Unit 101019, and the Office of Legislative Services - Legislative District Assistants, Business Unit 101034 from Unappropriated Recurring Revenues

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Seth Damon

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (17):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Walter Phelps
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (6):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Lee Jack, Sr.
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Dwight Witherspoon

LEGISLATION 0161-16

Approving Supplemental Funding for Phoenix Indian Center, Inc. from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$148,325

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Jonathan L. Hale

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (18):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Leonard Tsosie
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Leonard H. Pete
Otto Tso
Dwight Witherspoon

LEGISLATION 0175-16

Approving Supplemental Funding for Navajo Nation Office of Dine Youth from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$207,756

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Jonathan L. Hale

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (19):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Jonathan L. Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Walter Phelps
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (4):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Alton Joe Shepherd

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Legislation Results

*Chaired the discussion - Only votes in the event of a tie

LEGISLATION 0166-16

Amending 15 N.N.C. 303(B), Navajo Labor Commission Organization Section

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Dwight Witherspoon

ACTION: PASSED

YEA (13):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan L. Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso

NAY (5):

Benjamin L. Bennett
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Leonard Tsosie
Edmund Yazzie

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Nelson S. BeGaye
Leonard H. Pete
Dwight Witherspoon

LEGISLATION 0225-16

Confirming the Appointment of Melinda Tomchee to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors for a Four Year Term

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Walter Phelps

ACTION: FAILED

YEA (8):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Nathaniel Brown
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Jonathan L. Hale
Jonathan Perry
Walter Phelps
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (10):

Tom Chee
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Leonard H. Pete
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NOT VOTING (5):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Alton Joe Shepherd
Raymond Smith, Jr.

LEGISLATION 0177-16

Amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 952, 953 and 954, Office of Legislative Services

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Jonathan L. Hale

ACTION: REFERRED to the Naa-bik'iyáti' Committee
(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

YEA (13):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan L. Hale
Walter Phelps
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Otto Tso
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NAY (0):

NOT VOTING (10):
*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Edmund Yazzie

LEGISLATION 0190-16

Amending Title 16 Chapter 1, Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 and Enacting the Navajo Land Acquisition Act of 2016

PRIMARY SPONSOR
Leonard Tsosie

ACTION: TABLED
(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

YEA (9):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nathaniel Brown
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Jonathan L. Hale
Walter Phelps
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Edmund Yazzie

NAY (8):

Nelson S. BeGaye
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan Perry
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

NOT VOTING (6):

*Speaker LoRenzo Bates
Norman M. Begay
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd