

# Navajo Nation Council approves historic five-year \$150 million expenditure plan for water, economic, and agricultural projects

By Jolene Holgate

The 23rd Navajo Nation Council approved a historic \$150 million Navajo Nation Permanent Fund Income Five-Year Expenditure Plan on April 19, which aims to increase economic, community, and agricultural development throughout the Navajo Nation. The funding for the expenditure plan is derived from the annual accrued income, or interest, earned from the Navajo Nation's Permanent Trust Fund's (PTF) principal bal-

ance. The plan does not propose to take funding from the principle balance of the Permanent Trust Fund.

According to Legislation No. 0052-16, the fund income would allocate approximately \$30 million for waterline, economic, community development, and agricultural projects on an annual basis for the next five-years.

95-percent of the fund income would be ex-

pended in accordance with the five-year plan, and the remaining five-percent of the fund income/interest shall be reinvested back into the Permanent Trust Fund.

Budget and Finance Committee chair and legislation sponsor Council Delegate Seth Damon said the committee worked closely with the Síhasin Fund Subcommittee and the Office of the President and Vice President to solidify the proposed project listing, and

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# Top Navajo Nation Spelling Bee winners recognized by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

By Crystalyne Curley

Standing on the floor of the historic Navajo Nation Council Chamber during the second day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the top five Navajo Nation Spelling Bee winners were honored and recognized by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council's Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) for their outstanding performance in the Navajo Times Spelling Bee, held on March 17 at Navajo Technical University campus in Crownpoint, New Mexico.

The Council Chamber filled with applause as HEHSC chair Jonathan Hale, vice chair Norman M. Begay, Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Nathaniel Brown, Nelson S. BeGaye, and Herman Daniels, Jr., stood with the students as they were recognized and awarded plaques and Navajo Tribal Seal pins for being the top five spellers from the Navajo Nation.



PHOTO: (above) The top five Navajo Nation Spelling Bee winners recognized by the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee members during the Spring Council Session on April 19, 2016.

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to ensure that the projects are "shovel ready" to begin construction once funding is allocated.

"It's been one year to date that we have been working on this plan. We spent countless hours of committee meetings and work sessions to put together this five-year plan. I want to thank my BFC committee members for their hard work in completing this large and important task," said Delegate Damon.

Delegate Damon indicated that if President Russell Begaye signs the legislation into law, the first year of the five-year plan would receive funding when the Controller of the Navajo Nation determines that there is at least \$30 million in interest income to begin the projects.

In 1985, the Navajo Nation created the Permanent Trust Fund and invested \$26 million that has grown to over \$1.6 billion as of Dec. 31, 2015, according to a report provided by the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller. The creation of the Permanent Trust Fund also mandated that no income/interest from the fund could be used for a period of 20-years from the time of its establishment.

The annual income/interest generated from the PTF has been available for use since 2005. However, each year since 2005 the Nation has reinvested the annual income/interest into the PTF.

Delegate Damon on several occasions has stated that it is time for the Navajo Nation to begin utilizing the annual income/interest for tangible projects that benefit Navajo communities.

During the consideration of the legislation,

Council members proposed two amendments to the five-year plan that included the deletion of the Local Governance Trust Fund allocation, increasing funding for waterline and economic projects, and adding agricultural projects.

Speaking in support of the addition of agricultural projects, Council Delegate Tom Chee stressed the importance of agriculture for Navajo families in relation to land and culture.

"Farming is the foundation of our people. You are a true entrepreneur when you can grow and process your own food," said Delegate Chee. "Farmers stay put from generation to generation and it would be wise to invest in our Navajo farmers who can get the job done."

Delegate Damon added that increasing the economic development projects would create over 445 new jobs within a span of five years, and excess funding for each year will be deposited into the Navajo Nation General Fund to aid with the projected budget shortfall in fiscal year 2017.

According to the Navajo Nation Office of the Tax Commission, the projects have the potential to create approximately \$7 million in tax revenue for the Navajo Nation. The projection is a general estimate and cannot be accurately determined until all the projects have been completed.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates thanked the BFC and his Council colleagues for their work on the five-year plan.

"Going forward, this plan is going to promote



PHOTO (above): Chart of the proposed Navajo Nation Permanent Fund Income Five-Year Expenditure Plan that was approved on April 19, 2016.

substantial economic growth on the Navajo Nation through job creation and business development. By virtue of this Council's diligence and input, this wouldn't have been accomplished without the hard work of my colleagues."

With a vote of 18-4, the Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation No. 0052-16 with two amendments. The bill required two-thirds approval from Council members. President Russell Begaye has 10 calendar days to consider the legislation once the resolution is sent to the Office of the President and Vice President.

## Council addresses need for emergency response services at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort

By Crystalyne Curley

With over 3,000 visitors at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort (TANCR) on a daily basis and the nearest emergency response station located nearly 25-miles away, Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (NNGE) officials have consistently expressed the need for a police and fire substation to be constructed near the gaming facility to keep patrons safe, particularly in the event of an emergency.

On the third day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council addressed this need by approving the Síhasin Fund Twin Arrows police and fire station economic/community expenditure plan.

The adoption approves the appropriation and expenditure of funds from the Síhasin Fund principal

in the amount of \$4.5 million for the construction of a police and fire substation near the TANCR, which is located 24-miles east of Flagstaff, Ariz.

According to Council Delegate Seth Damon, who sponsored the legislation, the funding would benefit all patrons who visit the gaming facility and create a safer environment.

"A police and fire sub-station is highly needed at Twin Arrows to address public safety and medical emergencies. Twin Arrows will continue to flourish with housing opportunities, convenient stores, and other enterprise development. Thus, we need to be prepared for all public safety emergencies with the growing development," stated Delegate Damon.

According to the executive director of compli-

ance for the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Michelle Dotson, the public safety building is shovel ready with all environmental, archeological, and biological clearances completed.

"The public safety facility has been ready for construction since the Twin Arrows was completed and all we need is funding to complete the project," stated Dotson, adding that the legislation marked the fourth attempt by the NNGE to secure funding for the construction of the substation.

The proposed 15,000 square-foot facility would be located next door to the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino and Resort, consisting of a 911 dispatch room, three bay garage for fire trucks, sleeping quarters for men and women, fire, medical, and police administrative of-

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### Navajo Nation Council urges President Begaye to support grant for Navajo Nation Head Start

By Jolene Holgate

The 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved Legislation No. 0107-16, in which Navajo Nation Head Start is requesting approximately \$3.6 million in supplemental funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as a cash-match for a grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services entitled "Administration for Children and Families."

According to the legislation, the federal government awards grantees 80-percent of the cost of the head start program and expects the grantee to fund the remaining 20-percent from cash or in-kind donations or services. The NNHS program was awarded a total of \$22 million for a five-year non-competitive funding cycle from 2015-2020.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Jonathan Hale said that the federal government awarded approximately \$22 million to the Navajo Nation, who is responsible for the remaining in-kind contribution of \$5.6 million. The NNHS provided in-kind contribution in the amount of \$2 million, resulting in the cash-match need of \$3.6 million.

In-kind donations include volunteer services, valuing loaned equipment and space, valuing donated



PHOTO (above): Navajo Nation Head Start assistant superintendent Sharon Henderson-Singer, legislation sponsor Delegate Jonathan L. Hale, and Parent Policy Council community representative Katherine Benally present to Council on April 21, 2016.

equipment, land or buildings, added Delegate Hale.

Council Delegate Seth Damon expressed his disappointment with the lack of funding support from the Navajo Nation for the NNHS program.

"The NNHS program shouldn't be sitting here before us like this asking for funding. They should've already received these dollars at the beginning of the fiscal year when we were approving our yearly budget," said Delegate Damon.

He added that he is currently working with the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President to include additional funding for the NNHS program in the FY2017 budget to ensure that they do not have to request future supplementary funding.

Delegate Damon then proposed an amendment to the legislation to provide additional funding in the amount of \$48,000 to go towards Head Start graduation caps, gowns, and pro-



PHOTO (above): St. Michaels Head Start students and teachers pose for a photo in front of the Navajo Nation Council Chamber.

motional items for each of the 96 Head Start centers across the Navajo Nation. Each center would receive \$500.

In support of the amendment, Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie stressed the importance of early education for Navajo children and said he recognizes it as a pathway to a successful future, as well as a remedy to social issues such as poverty and loss of culture.

"We need to take care of our children better. We have some bad social statistics and the way to correct it starts from Head Start. The language and cultural loss that we are incurring, that course is being reversed because of Head Start," said Delegate Tsosie. "This is a fine moment in a family's life, so this should automatically be a part of the budget."

Delegate Tsosie stated that he would urge President Russell Begaye to approve the sup-

plemental funding to aid NNHS to remain in compliance with the grant agreement.

Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon said he opposed the amendment because he felt the responsibility of caps and gowns should rest with the parents through fundraising efforts.

"Being a person with an education background, I don't mind parents wanting to celebrate and recognize their children and go all out for their Head Start student, but the parents should raise the money. I've seen many head start graduations where the young children are in beautiful, traditional clothing and they don't need caps and gowns," said Delegate Witherspoon.

Council members voted 19-1 to ap-

prove the amendment, and 20-0 to unanimously approve Legislation No. 0107-16. 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.

Delegate Damon also urged President Begaye to sign the legislation into law, while emphasizing the importance of the additional funding for graduation cap and gown items for Head Start students so they can feel proud to move onto the next grade-level with confidence.

"President Begaye, I ask you not to line-item veto this amendment. This will help out these kids and those less fortunate who can't afford a cap and gown. I am asking you Mr. President, to have a heart and believe in these kids. I ask you again, please do not line-item veto this amendment," said Delegate Damon.



PHOTO (above): St. Michaels Head Start students sing "Eensy Weensy Spider" in the Navajo language for the 23rd Navajo Nation Council on April 21, 2016

# Speaker Bates highlights water and sanitation projects, water rights, and state issues on opening day of Spring Council Session

By Jared Touchin

On the opening day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously accepted a report from Speaker LoRenzo Bates with a vote of 16-0.

Speaker Bates began the report by thanking and congratulating his Council colleagues, the Síhasin Fund Sub-Committee, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Navajo Water Management Branch, Indian Health Service, and many others who played a role in the passage of a historic legislation that provides \$180 million for 60 water projects and nearly 50 sanitation system projects in each of the five Navajo agencies – this marked the largest spending package ever approved by the Council

"While there remains a great deal of work to be done, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted in this successful effort," stated Speaker Bates. "Síhasin Fund Sub-Committee chairman Delegate Leonard Tsosie, vice chair Delegate Nelson S. Be-Gaye, and sub-committee members continue to work aggressively to complete the preliminary steps to en-

sure the funds are used in the most efficient manner, while ensuring accountability."

The Council unanimously approved the funding in late January, which uses a portion of the \$554 million settlement award from the federal government, to fund a five-year plan that will use approximately \$101 million for over 60 water projects and an additional \$79 million for nearly 50 sanitation system projects.

In his report, Speaker Bates also touched on the issue of securing water rights in regards to the Little Colorado River, while also acknowledging the challenges and complexities that are certain to be part of negotiations

"No one will disagree that water not only gives life to our people, but it also allows our communities to thrive economically. In order to have businesses, public safety, homes, and other components that serve as the foundation for communities, we must first have basic infrastructure in place such as electricity and water sources," Speaker Bates stated.

As a result of a meeting held on March 16 be-

President Russell Begaye, Chairman Hopi Herman G. Honanie, and Speaker Bates, each tribe established a negotiation team to come to terms on an agreement concerning the LCR between the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe.

He also noted that Council Delegate Alton



PHOTO: Speaker LoRenzo Bates

Joe Shepherd, who chairs the Resources and Development Committee, will represent the Council on the Navajo Nation's negotiation team.

On March 30, Delegate Shepherd, President

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The top Navajo Nation Spelling Bee students are as follows:

- Natasha Smith is in the seventh grade at Shonto Preparatory School. Her hobbies include drawing, reading, and enjoying her science classes at school. Spelling has encouraged her to pursue a career as a doctor in the future.
- Kelly Haven is a fifth grader at Tséhootsooí Intermediate Learning Center. She enjoys reading, making jewelry, traveling, and attending English and math classes. The joy of reading and having a mother as an English teacher has motivated her to become a competitive speller, which she plans to use when she becomes a surgeon in the future.
- Cameron Full is a homeschooled eighth grade student from Chinle, Arizona. Her interests include watching Japanese anime, listening to Korean pop music, reading, world history, and religious studies. Her future plan is to become an English teacher in a foreign country.
- Danielle Tsosie is a seventh grader at Tséhootsooí Middle School. Her hobbies include reading, painting, and spending time with animals.

She plans to become a veterinarian or a nurse in the future. She became interested to be a speller when her language arts teacher recognized her as an excellent speller.

 Hannah Pengosro is in the sixth grade at Newcomb Middle School. Some of her interests include playing the flute, video games, and listening to music. Watching the movie "Akeelah and the Bee," which inspired her to become a competitive speller, which she intends to use when she becomes a lawyer in the future.

Delegate Crotty commended the students for their efforts and motivation by taking part in such a competitive academic competition.

"I am proud of the students' accomplishments. Our children have the capability to finish tough competitions and we need to continue to support our children. I know the students will achieve their goals and dreams because they have the strength and resilience to accomplish anything in life," stated Delegate Crotty.

Haven and Pengosro competed in the final rounds of the Navajo Nation Spelling Bee. Pengosro eventually won first place and will represent the Navajo Nation in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which will be held near Washington, D.C. in May.

Delegate Hale congratulated the students on their outstanding academic achievements and for serving as role models for their peers and all Navajo youth. "This is a great day to recognize your dedication to achieve your academic goals and dreams. Continue to strive to accomplish your academic goals and continue to help your parents with chores at home. Become a leader at home, school, and in the community because one day you will be governing the Navajo government," stated Delegate Hale to the spellers.



PHOTO (above): Navajo Nation Spelling Bee winners stand with parents and academic supporters during second day of Spring Council Session on April 19, 2016.

# Navajo Partitioned Lands range unit boundaries and grazing districts garners support from Council

By Crystalyne Curley

On the fourth and final day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council adopted and confirmed the range unit boundaries and grazing districts established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Navajo Partitioned Lands, which includes precinct one, two, and three.

Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie, co-sponsor of the legislation, explained the need for the range unit boundaries and grazing districts to be confirmed within NPL.

"The main goal of this legislation is to address the reissuance of grazing permits to the people whose permits were cancelled or terminated in the 1970's. This is one of the first puzzle pieces to assist with the reissuance of permits in precinct one, two, and three," stated Delegate Tsosie.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, Navajo Partitioned Lands are land portions of the Former Joint Use Area that were divided between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, awarded to the Navajo Nation under the Judgment of Partition issued April 18, 1979 by the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, which now is a separate administrative entity within the Navajo Nation.

According to the executive director for the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Leo Watchman, the precincts consist of the following communities:

- Precinct one consists of 19 range units, approximately 177,037 acres, in Tolani Lake, Low Mountain, Teesto, and White Cone.
- Precinct two consists of 17 range units, approximately 466,588 acres, in Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Hard Rock, Pinon, Blue Gap, and Whippoorwill.
- Precinct three consists of 15 range units, approximately 262,758 acres, in Tonalea, Shonto, Chilchinbeto, Kayenta, and Black Mesa.

The BIA with concurrence of the Navajo Nation established range units, which is defined as a tract of land designated as a separate management subdivision of the administration of graving.

Range management plans can be developed to improve, maintain soil, and forage resources and the physical land features, watershed, drainage patterns, vegetation, soil, resident concentration, problem areas, chapter boundaries, special land uses, and comprehensive land use planning will be considered in the determination of range unit boundaries pursuant to 25 Code of Federal Regulation part 161.202.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., who represents communities in precincts one and two, questioned whether the Department of Agriculture and BIA had provided public education regarding the proposal.

"Many of our constituents question the progress and process of the confirmation of the range unit boundaries and grazing districts from BIA. Many of our elders need their permits, but they are confused on the process of the reissuance of permits. Have the agents of the legislation visited the affected communities and provided information regarding the range units?" asked Delegate Begay.

According to Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd, chair of the Resources and Development Committee and primary sponsor of the legislation, said the RDC hosted several work sessions with all of the impacted chapters and provided the chapters the opportunity to present resolutions or recommendations to reaffirm or change the range units and grazing districts. The legislation included supporting resolutions from the Navajo Partitioned Lands Joint Precincts District Grazing Committee members, who supported the BIA grazing boundaries currently in place, which would become the official Navajo Nation grazing boundaries. Also, the supporting resolution authorized the RDC to change grazing boundaries when committee deems it to be in the best interest of the Navajo people.

Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon presented an amendment to allow NPL chapters 120 days to make proposed alignments for range units through chapter and grazing committee resolutions. It also directs the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources

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## Council establishes Navajo Nation Naat'áanii Day

By Jolene Holgate

On the last day of Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council approved the establishment of the Navajo Nation Naat'áanii Day, formerly referred to as "Navajo Nation President's Day," but was changed through an amendment during a Naabik'iyátí' Committee meeting on April 13.

Legislation sponsor Council Delegate Davis Filfred said Naat'áanii Day would not be a paid day off for Navajo Nation employees. However, it would be an annual recognition day during the regular workweek on the third Friday in the month of March.

Delegate Filfred said although this is an unpaid observance day, he said it was important to remember all elected Navajo leaders who took an oath to serve Diné citizens and provided a voice for their communities.

"The legislation was intended for President's Day and to be a paid holiday. It was to acknowledge

leaders from Sam Akeah to Russell Begaye, but the Council said 'no' and changed it to Naat'áanii Day. However, this will be a day to remember past and present elected officials such as presidents, chairmen, council delegates, judges—anyone who took an oath and swore to serve the Navajo Nation," said Delegate Filfred

Delegate Filfed said that Naat'áanii Day would include recognizing chapter, grazing, farming, irrigation, school board, and election officials, as well as supervisors and vice presidents.

According to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, the Navajo Nation currently has 13 paid holidays—4 Navajo and 9 federal holidays.

Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown said that adding another paid holiday would take away from important services that Navajo people utilize during the workweek.

"The main aspect of this recognition day is we do not want to give ourselves another day off where our Navajo Nation employees will not be available to our Diné citizens. There are already 13 paid holidays that can cost millions of dollars, which should be used towards serving our Navajo people," said Delegate Brown.

Delegate Brown commended his Council colleagues for establishing Naat'áanii Day and said it was also important to honor youth, community, and grassroots leaders that work for Navajo people at the local level who promote growth, culture, language, and development in their communities.

Council members voted 14-6 to approve Legislation No. 0091-16. The Navajo Nation Council serves as the final authority on the legislation.

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Begaye, Chairman Honanie, and Speaker Bates met with state and Congressional leaders as well as Arizona non-Indian water users to discuss the preliminary steps and procedural matters that are required to initiate official negotiations.

"As I have previously stated, I remain confident that my Council colleagues and I will carefully evaluate our options and seek a settlement that is fair and just for our people and our communities," added Speaker Bates

In regards to state issues, Speaker Bates thanked Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., for his leadership and guidance in the recent months as the State Task Force met with several top officials from the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico during their legislative sessions.

State Task Force members along with Speaker Bates met with 10 New Mexico senators and representatives as well as Gov. Susana Martinez on Jan. 22, to advocate for funding for capital outlay projects and reauthorizations.

"It was anticipated that requests for capital outlay projects and capital outlay project reauthorizations would be scrutinized due to budgetary constraints for the state of New Mexico based on revenue projections

PHOTO (below): Wide Ruins Elementary School second-grade students provide the Pledge of Allegiance in the Navajo language on opening day of Spring Council Session.



for FY2017," stated Speaker Bates.

Speaker Bates reported that the combined efforts of the State Task Force, New Mexico senators and representative, Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation Division of Community Development, and various chapter officials, led to the approval of over \$2.5 million for capital outlay projects for chapters in New Mexico.

Gov. Martinez also signed S.B. 122 - General Obligation Bond Projects in which she authorized \$174.4 million worth of projects while vetoing \$10.9 million worth of projects. The Authorized projects will appear on the ballot in November's general election in the state of New Mexico.

General Obligation Bond Projects approved (will appear on ballot in November):

- \$450,000 to plan, design, construct and equip an expansion to the Bááháálí senior center in the Bááháálí Chapter.
- \$4,800 for improvements to the facility to address code compliance issues at the Baca senior center in the Baca Chapter.
- \$46,300 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Baca senior center in the Baca Chapter.
- \$18,000 to purchase and install meals equipment at the McKinley senior center in Thoreau.
- \$56,400 to purchase and equip a vehicle for the Pueblo Pintado senior center at the Pueblo Pintado Chapter.
- \$850,000 to plan, design, demolish, construct, improve, furnish and equip the learning innovation center, including site infrastructure and the removal of existing modular buildings at Navajo Technical University at the Crownpoint campus.
- \$500,000 to plan, design, renovate and construct roads and sidewalks, including site im-

- provements for code compliance, at Diné College in the Shiprock Chapter.
- \$750,000 for equipment, library furniture, fixtures and supplemental library resource acquisitions, including print, non-print and electronic resources, and for the purchase and installation of broadband internet equipment and infrastructure at tribal libraries in New Mexico.
- \$2,000,000 for multipurpose fitness and performing arts center at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



PHOTO (above): Chinle Agency Veterans Organization post colors on the opening day of the 2016 Spring Council Session.

Speaker Bates also thanked the second grade class from Wide Ruins Elementary School for singing the National Anthem and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in the Navajo language, and the Chinle Veterans Organization for posting the colors at the start of the Spring Session.

To view the full report from Speaker Bates, please visit navajonationcouncil.org.

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fices, and training rooms.

The Síhasin Fund principal is comprised of funds from the \$554 million settlement awarded to the Navajo Nation from the federal government in 2014, and is managed and invested to provide financial support and/or financing for the planning and development of regional infrastructure supporting economic and community development, including housing, and/or education opportunities for members of the Navajo Nation.

Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie questioned why the grant request was requested on behalf of the NNGE instead of the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety.

"The legislation is for NNGE, not NNDPS. I be-

lieve that this legislation is only promoting to continue the gaming industry. Will NNGE pay for all operation and maintenance costs of the public safety facility?" questioned Delegate Tsosie.

Dotson explained that after construction of the facility is completed, the NNGE would transfer all ownership and title of the fire and police substation to the Navajo Nation to be operated by NNDPS, as outlined in the legislation. Also, NNGE would continue to cost share when additional operation and maintenance funds are needed.

According to the agreement between NNGE and DPS, the police, fire, and medical services will also serve the surrounding remote communities near TAN-CR.

Law and Order Committee chair Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie expressed support for the legislation to provide public safety services for the casino and surrounding communities.

"The project is one of NNDPS's priority goals. We should have public safety services at all of our casinos to avoid any tragic incidents. We need to be prepared at all times," stated Delegate Yazzie.

Council members voted 19-3 to pass Legislation No. 0114-16, which required two-thirds of Council's approval. Council serves as the final authority on the legislation.

### Council invites Navajo Nation Youth Council to report on initiatives

By Jolene Holgate

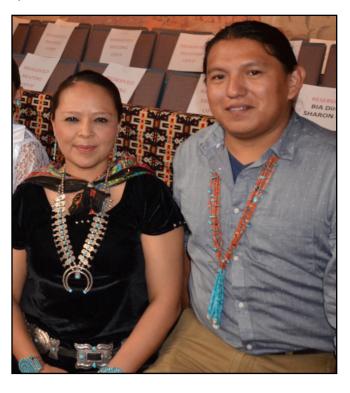
The Navajo Nation Youth Council provided a report to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council on the second day of Spring Session, highlighting their goals, youth council structure, and their desire to be involved with their Navajo government and policymaking.

The Youth Council received recognition by Council members, who offered advice on leadership, participation in the Navajo governmental process, and encouraged the youth to reach out to peers to increase involvement with community and central government issues.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates invited the Youth Council to address his Council colleagues and provided time for questions and answers following the report.

NNYC members Jacqueline Johnson and Lyla Hatathlie provided the report to Council along with youth council advisor Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar, outlining the NNYC's membership, structure, and goals. They stressed the importance of obtaining funding that would go toward the development of a youth center in the community of Tuba City to host meetings, events, and activities.

PHOTO (below): Wide Ruins Elementary School second-grade teacher poses with Navajo Nation Office of Diné Youth counselor Tyler Manson.



According to the report, the NNYC is proposes the establishment of six regional youth councils throughout the Navajo Nation in the communities of Chinle, Crownpoint, Fort Defiance, Shiprock, Tuba City, and representation of youth residing off the Navajo Nation. Each region would select one male and one female to sit on the NNYC.

The Navajo Nation Office of Diné Youth and the Office of Miss Navajo Nation would oversee each of the six youth councils.

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty said she supports the NNYC's initiative to officially establish their council and encouraged the

youth members to begin reaching out to their peers to develop innovative ways to involve them.

"How can we get Navajo youth to respond? Can it be done through live Internet sessions and social media? These are very important questions that can help create a strong and effective youth council," said Delegate Crotty.

She also requested that the NNYC members return to Council with a succinct report that would include specific information on the youth council's plans, mission, funding proposals, and detailed needs. Delegate Crotty also suggested that the NNYC present the report to the Council's Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, which serves as oversight for the Office of Diné Youth.

Council Delegate Dwight Witherspoon commended the Youth Council members for their commitment and persistence and reminded them of the importance of Navajo cultural heritage, language, and prayer, as leaders in their communities.

"Our kinship system is one of the important



PHOTO (above): Members of the Navajo Nation Youth Council presented a report to Council on April 19, 2016 (Left to right: NNYC advisor Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar, NNYC members Lyla Hatathlie and Jacqueline Johnson.)

components of our identity that we don't use enough of to try to establish relationships. Certainly, our ceremonies, our philosophies, our humor, our language, our songs, our family history, and oral stories speak to our identity – the history of our clans and family foster that identity and contributes to our resiliency as a people," said Delegate Witherspoon.

Several Council members took turns recognizing and honoring the Navajo youth, as well as offering continued guidance and aid in their endeavors.

"If and when you have questions, feel free to contact the Council members. They are a very diligent and hardworking group of Council Delegates, regardless of what may be said about them out there in the world. We recognize the youth as our future leaders, so keep up the good work and we look forward to working with you," said Speaker Bates.

Youth council members invited the Council to their Youth/Elderly Summit scheduled for July 18-20, at Diné College. For more information regarding the summit, you may contact Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar at ms\_thathalie@msn.com.

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to provide chapters in precinct two with large maps of individual proposed range units and provide detailed information on number of cancelled permittee(s) living and deceased, and possible heirs who live in the range unit to obtain an agreement on alignment changes through resolutions, or the proposed alignment will

stand for which the exterior fencing will begin.

"Talking about land is a sensitive subject and we need to provide public information and education in a delicate manner because it regards the sacredness of the land and livestock," said Council Delegate Tom Chee during the discussion of public education.

At the conclusion of the two-hour discussion, Council members voted 19-0 to approve Legislation No. 0093-16 with one amendment. Council serves as the final authority for the legislation.

# Picture Highlights of the 2016 Spring Council Session



Photo (above): On the fourth day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council recognized Alyssa Charley, a freshman at Ganado High School for her accomplish of being accepted into the (MS)2 Summer program at Phillips Academy campus in Andover, Massachusetts.



Photo (above): During the opening day of the 2016 Spring Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council recognized Team Navajo DPS, who are ranked fifth out of 264 domestic and internatinal teams for completing the Baker-to-Vegas Law Enforcement Challenge Cup Relay. Team Navajo DPS has participated in the race for the last 14 years.

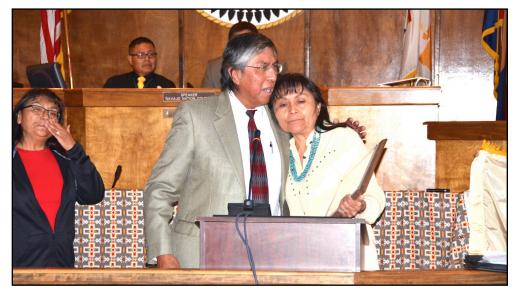


Photo (above): Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie presented a recognition award to the family of the late Allen Tsinigine, who was a long-time educator and mentor. He served as the President of the National Indian Education Association, a board member for the Kaibeto School Board, and supported athletic teams in Page, Arizona.



Photo (above): Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty invited Girl Scout troops from Pinon, Shiprock, and Crownpoint to receive Navajo Nation recognition badges that displayed the Navajo Nation Seal after they completed their lesson on their Navajo Government.



Photo (above): Speaker LoRenzo Bates poses for a picture with Miss Teen Navajo Niagara Rockbridge and Miss Navajo Nation Alyson Shirley.



Photo (above): Council Delegate Tuchoney Slim, Jr. welcomed Tuba City Senior Center members and staff to observe the 2016 Spring Council Session, in which they were recognized by Council Delegate Otto Tso during announcements.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council Standing Committees, Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Commissions

### Council Standing Committees

#### Budget and Finance Committee

Seth Damon (Chair)

Dwight Witherspoon (Vice Chair)

Tom T. Chee

Lee Jack, Sr.

Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Vacant

#### Health, Education, and Human Services Committee

Jonathan Hale (Chair)
Norman M. Begay (Vice Chair)
Nathaniel Brown
Nelson S. BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Herman Daniels, Jr.

#### Law and Order Committee

Edmund Yazzie (Chair)
Raymond Smith, Jr. (Vice Chair)
Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Jonathan Perry
Otto Tso

### Resources and Development Committee

Alton Joe Shepherd (Chair)
Benjamin L. Bennett (Vice Chair)
Davis Filfred
Walter Phelps
Leonard H. Pete
Leonard Tsosie

### Subcommittees and Task Forces

#### Naabik'iyátí' Committee's Sacred Sites Task Force

LoRenzo Bates
Davis Filfred
Jonathan Hale
Jonathan Perry
Otto Tso
Dwight Witherspoon

#### Naabik'iyátí' Committee's Arizona Gaming Subcommittee

Alton Joe Shepherd Jonathan Hale Walter Phelps Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon

#### Naabik'iyátí' Committee's Síhasin Fund Subcommittee

Leonard Tsosie
Nelson S. BeGay3
Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nathaniel Brown
Tom T. Chee
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Lee Jack, Sr.
Jonathan Perry
Walter Phelps
Otto Tso
Vacant

#### Naabik'iyátí' Committee's Title II Reform Subcommittee

Alton Joe Shepherd
Norman M. Begay
Tom T. Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Davis Filfred
Jonathan Perry
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Otto Tso

#### Naabik'iyátí' Committee's State Task Force

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nathaniel Brown
Tom T. Chee
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan Hale
Walter Phelps
Vacant

### Commissions

#### Eastern Navajo Land Commission

Leonard Tsosie Norman M. Begay Seth Damon Jonathan Perry Edmund Yazzie

#### Navajo-Hopi Land Commission

Walter Phelps
Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Lee Jack, Sr.
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Otto Tso
Dwight Witherspoon

#### **Utah Navajo Commission**

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

### **2016 Spring Council Session**

# Legislation Results

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

#### **LEGISLATION 0350-15**

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$270,000 for the Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Fencing Project; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(I) and 860(C) Relating to the Capital Improvement Process

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Speaker LoRenzo Bates

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

#### YEA (18):

Speaker LoRenzo Bates Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Norman M. Begay Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Seth Damon Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Lee Jack, Sr. Leonard H. Pete Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Leonard Tsosie Dwight Witherspoon

#### NAY (4):

Nelson S. BeGaye Amber Kanazbah Crotty Jonathan Perry Edmund Yazzie

#### NOT VOTING (1):

\*Jonathan Hale

#### **LEGISLATION 0004-16**

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$43,766 for Transport and Set Up of Modular Building including the Construction of a Foundation, Bathroom Facilities, and Installation of Plumbing and Electrical Equipment for Tsaytoh Chapter; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(I) and 860(C) Relating to the Capital Improvement Process

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Seth Damon

#### **ACTION: FAILED**

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

#### YEA (14):

Norman M. Begay Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Seth Damon Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon

#### NAY (5):

Amber Kanazbah Crotty Jonathan Perry Leonard H. Pete Leonard Tsosie Edmund Yazzie

#### NOT VOTING (4):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Raymond Smith, Jr.

#### **LEGISLATION 0008-16**

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$832,698 for the Rebuilding of 27 homes destroyed by the Assayi Lake Fire and the Purchase of Hay and Feed to Provide for Livestock owned by Permittees affected by the Assayi Lake Fire; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(I) and 860(C) Relating to the Capital Improvement Process

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Nelson S. BeGaye

#### ACTION: TABLED AND REFERRED BACK TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COM-MITTEE

#### YEA (15):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan Hale
Leonard H. Pete
Walter Phelps
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Raymond Smith, Jr.
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon

#### NAY (4):

Nelson S. BeGaye Amber Kanazbah Crotty Jonathan Perry Edmund Yazzie

#### **NOT VOTING (4):**

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Nathaniel Brown Lee Jack, Sr. Otto Tso

#### **LEGISLATION 0052-16**

Approving the Navajo Nation Permanent Fund Income Five Year Expenditure Plan

#### **LEGISLATION 0112-16**

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

#### **LEGISLATION 0114-16\***

Adopting the Sihadsin Fund Twin Arrows Police and Fire Stattion Economic/Community Development Expenditure Plan Pursuant to CD-68-14 and 12 N.N.C. § § 2501-2508

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Seth Damon

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

#### YEA (18):

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

#### NAY (4):

Leonard H. Pete Walter Phelps Otto Tso Leonard Tsosie

#### NOT VOTING (1):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates

### PRIMARY SPONSOR Jonathan Perry

#### **ACTION: FAILED**

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

#### YEA (15):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Nelson S. BeGaye
Nathaniel Brown
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Jonathan Hale
Jonathan Perry
Leonard H. Pete
Alton Joe Shepherd
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Leonard Tsosie
Dwight Witherspoon
Edmund Yazzie

#### NAY (3):

Davis Filfred Walter Phelps Otto Tso

#### NOT VOTING (5):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Norman M. Begay Benjamin L. Bennett Lee Jack, Sr. Raymond Smith, Jr.

### PRIMARY SPONSOR Seth Damon

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes from Council)

#### YEA (19):

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

#### NAY (3):

Nathaniel Brown Amber Kanazbah Crotty Raymond Smith, Jr.

#### **NOT VOTING (1):**

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates

### **2016 Spring Council Session**

## Legislation Results

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

#### **LEGISLATION 0027-16**

ment of LaVonne Tsosie as Executive Director for the Division of Human Services

Confirming the Appoint-

#### **PRIMARY SPONSOR** Jonathan L. Hale

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

YEA (16): Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Norman M. Begay Nelson S. BeGaye Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Leonard H. Pete Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon

#### NAY (4):

Benjamin L. Bennett Walter Phelps Leonard Tsosie Edmund Yazzie

#### NOT VOTING (3):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Amber Kanazbah Crotty Seth Damon

#### **LEGISLATION 0066-16**

Approving the Reinstatement of Desirae Abbigail Deschine as a Member of the Navajo Nation

### **LEGISLATION 0310-15**

Amending Navajo Nation Code, Title 7: Creating the Navajo Nation Business Court

### **PRIMARY SPONSOR**

YEA (18): Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Seth Damon Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Leonard Tsosie **Dwight Witherspoon** Edmund Yazzie

**PRIMARY SPONSOR** 

Jonathan L. Hale

**ACTION: PASSED** 

### NAY (1):

Otto Tso

#### NOT VOTING (4):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Norman M. Begay Amber Kanazbah Crotty Leonard H. Pete

### Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

#### **ACTION: TABLED**

#### YEA (11):

Norman M. Begay Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Seth Damon Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Leonard H. Pete Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Otto Tso

#### NAY (9):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Herman Daniels, Jr. Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Raymond Smith, Jr. Leonard Tsosie **Dwight Witherspoon** Edmund Yazzie

#### NOT VOTING (3):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Benjamin L. Bennett Amber Kanazbah Crotty

#### **LEGISLATION 0133-16**

Endorsing the Navajo Nation's Application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant administered through the United States Department of Transportation for road improvements to Navajo Route 12

**PRIMARY SPONSOR** 

Benjamin L. Bennett

(Required 2/3 or 16 votes

**ACTION: PASSED** 

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Norman M. Begay

Nelson S. BeGaye

Nathaniel Brown

Tom Chee

Seth Damon

Davis Filfred

Lee Jack, Sr.

Jonathan Hale

Jonathan Perry

Walter Phelps

Otto Tso

NAY (0):

Alton Joe Shepherd

Tuchoney Slim, Jr.

Leonard Tsosie

Edmund Yazzie

Raymond Smith, Jr.

**Dwight Witherspoon** 

NOT VOTING (4):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates

Amber Kanazbah Crotty Leonard H. Pete

Benjamin L. Bennett

Herman Daniels, Jr.

from Council)

YEA (20):

#### **LEGISLATION 0065-16**

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$100,000, in the form of a grant, for Albuquerque Indian Center

#### **LEGISLATION 0071-16**

Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Floyd Stevens, as the Western Agency Council Respresentative to the Navajo Nation Government **Development Commis**sion as put forth by the Western Agency Council

#### **PRIMARY SPONSOR** Jonathan L. Hale

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

#### YEA (17):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Norman M. Begay Nelson S. BeGaye Benjamin L. Bennett Tom Chee Amber Kanazbah Crotty Seth Damon Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Leonard Tsosie Dwight Witherspoon Edmund Yazzie

#### NAY (0):

#### NOT VOTING (6):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Nathaniel Brown Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Leonard H. Pete Alton Joe Shepherd

#### **PRIMARY SPONSOR** Otto Tso

#### **ACTION: PASSED**

#### YEA (11):

Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Amber Kanazbah Crotty Herman Daniels, Jr. Jonathan Hale Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon Edmund Yazzie

#### NAY (8):

Norman M. Begay Nelson S. BeGaye Seth Damon Davis Filfred Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Leonard Tsosie

#### NOT VOTING (4):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Lee Jack, Sr. Leonard H. Pete

### **2016 Spring Council Session**

### Legislation Results

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

#### **LEGISLATION 0091-16**

Declaring the Third Friday in March to be Known as "Navajo Nation Naat'áanii Day" within the Navajo Nation

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Davis Filfred

**ACTION: PASSED** 

#### YEA (14):

Norman M. Begay
Benjamin L. Bennett
Tom Chee
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Seth Damon
Herman Daniels, Jr.
Davis Filfred
Jonathan Hale
Lee Jack, Sr.
Walter Phelps
Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
Otto Tso
Dwight Witherspoon
Edmund Yazzie

#### NAY (6):

Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Nathaniel Brown Jonathan Perry Raymond Smith, Jr. Leonard Tsosie

#### NOT VOTING (3):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Leonard H. Pete Alton Joe Shepherd

#### **LEGISLATION 0093-16**

Adopting the Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing Districts Established by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Navajo Partitioned Lands

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Alton Joe Shepherd

**ACTION: PASSED** 

#### YEA (19):

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

#### NAY (0):

#### NOT VOTING (4):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Amber Kanazbah Crotty Leonard H. Pete Alton Joe Shepherd

#### **LEGISLATION 0100-16**

Confirming the Appointment of Crystal J. Deschinny as Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development Division Director

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Benjamin Bennett

**ACTION: PASSED** 

#### YEA (18):

Speaker LoRenzo Bates Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Dwight Witherspoon Edmund Yazzie

#### NAY (1):

Leonard Tsosie

#### NOT VOTING (4):

Norman M. Begay Amber Kanazbah Crotty \*Seth Damon Leonard H. Pete

#### **LEGISLATION 0107-16**

Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$3,558,856 for the Navajo Head Start, Business Unit 109019 as a Cash Match Requirement for Federal Financial Assistance Grant for FY 2016

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Jonathan L. Hale

**ACTION: PASSED** 

#### YEA (20):

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

#### NAY (0):

#### NOT VOTING (3):

\*Speaker LoRenzo Bates Leonard H. Pete Alton Joe Shepherd

#### **LEGISLATION 0113-16**

Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Arizona for Grant in the Amount of \$200,000 Entitled "Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Model for Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program"

#### PRIMARY SPONSOR Jonathan L. Hale

#### ACTION:PASSED

#### YEA (18):

Speaker LoRenzo Bates Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Nelson S. BeGaye Benjamin L. Bennett Nathaniel Brown Tom Chee Herman Daniels, Jr. Davis Filfred Jonathan Hale Lee Jack, Sr. Jonathan Perry Walter Phelps Alton Joe Shepherd Tuchoney Slim, Jr. Raymond Smith, Jr. Otto Tso Leonard Tsosie Dwight Witherspoon

#### NAY (0):

#### NOT VOTING (5):

Norman M. Begay Amber Kanazbah Crotty \*Seth Damon Leonard H. Pete Edmund Yazzie