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NAABI Advances Funding for Chapter Stipends and Summer Youth Employment, Veterans Direct Services Resolution Passes

CORRECTION: A previously issued press release erroneously contained content contained in this press release. Both this and the previous release have now been clarified to contain solely their appropriate subject matter.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – At the May 28 special Naabik'íyáti' Committee meeting, the committee considered legislation regarding projects funded by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, a measure to bring direct veterans' services to the Nation, and appropriations for chapters.

Legislations 0127-19, sponsored by Council Speaker Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí', Rock Springs, Tsayatoh), identifies the funding option and project management and procurement method for projects funded by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. It passed by a 17-0 vote.

Another measure, Legislation 0122-19, passed unanimously and approves supplemental funding of \$1,374,278 for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapter Official stipends and worker's compensation from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (UUFB). Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahí, Whiterock) is the legislation's sponsor. It proceeds to full Council consideration.

The committee also considered old business Legislations 0019-19 and 0121-19, both of which passed with unanimous consent. The first bill requests the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs to establish direct services on the Navajo Nation for Diné veterans. Delegate Kee Allen Begay Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Blue Gap/Tachee, Tselani/Cottonwood) is the bill's sponsor. The committee has final authority on this measure.

The second old business legislation is also sponsored by Delegate Begay and approves supplemental funding of \$3 million for the 110 chapters' Summer Youth Employment Program from the UUFB. The measure will proceed to full Council consideration.

On June 5, the Council will conduct a Special Session. Legislations 0121-19, 0122-19, and 125-19 are on the proposed agenda. The Council will convene at 2 p.m. at the Council Chamber.

The next Naabik'iyáti' Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 13 at the Council Chamber.

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