



23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, NATHANIEL BROWN, Primary
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation
tracking number is 0092-18.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same
bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Brown", written over a horizontal line.

DATE:

5/29/2018

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No: 0092-18

DATE: March 13, 2018

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;
AUTHORIZING THE NAVAJO NATION TO JOIN THE "YES TO NGS (NAVAJO
GENERATING STATION)" COALITION

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will authorize the Navajo Nation to join the "Yes to NGS" coalition and will authorize the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council to collaborate with coalition partners.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2018

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0092-18

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE
NAVAJO NATION TO JOIN THE "YES TO NGS (NAVAJO GENERATING
STATION)" COALITION

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, and departments of the United States government. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(8) (2015); *See also* CO-45-12.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has the power to "oversee the conduct of operations of entities of the Navajo Nation not otherwise under the oversight authority of other standing committees, except that such oversight shall not interfere with the prerogative or business decisions of management governing boards." 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(2).
- D. The Navajo Generating Station ("NGS") and Kayenta Mine are integral to Arizona's power and water systems and foundational to the Navajo Nation's economic future.

- 1 E. Miners, power plant workers, parents, grandparents and proud members of the Navajo
2 Nation need support of their efforts to keep the Navajo Generating Station operating
3 beyond 2019. *See generally* <http://yestongs.org/>.
- 4 F. The mine and power plant support 825 direct jobs and generate revenues supporting 22
5 percent of the Navajo Nation's annual general budget. *See* <http://yestongs.org/>.
- 6 G. The annual direct and indirect economic contribution of the Kayenta Mine is nearly
7 \$445 million dollars, including wages and benefits, royalties, and other business
8 payments and services. *Id.*
- 9 H. The United Mine Workers of America has brought together "Yes to NGS," a national
10 coalition of labor, industry, and consumer groups to advocate for keeping the Navajo
11 Generating Station online. *See Exhibit A. See also* <http://yestongs.org/>.
- 12 I. Founding members of "Yes to NGS" represent over 100,000 U.S. businesses and
13 organizations working to keep NGS operational. *Id.*
- 14 J. On January 17, 2018, the Naabik'íyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council passed
15 resolution NABIJA-02-18 which supported communications with the United Mine
16 Workers to maintain the operations of Navajo Generating Station beyond 2019.

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18 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

19 The Navajo Nation officially joins the "Yes to NGS" coalition. The Speaker of the
20 Navajo Nation Council is authorized to collaborate with the United Mine Workers of
21 America and other coalition partners to inform communities, engages stakeholders, and
22 advocate solutions to keep Navajo Generating Station operational beyond 2019 for the
23 benefit of Navajo families, tribal workers, and the Navajo Nation.

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UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA
LOCAL UNION 1924, DISTRICT TWENTY-TWO
P.O. Box 247 Kayenta AZ, 86033

February 13, 2018

The Honorable Nate Brown
23rd Navajo Nation Council
The Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Delegate Brown:

Thank you for your efforts to keep the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) online in the years beyond 2019 to support the traditional Navajo working family. Because of your leadership, the Navajo Nation's Naabik'iyáti Committee passed a resolution on Jan. 17, 2018 supporting communications with the United Mine Workers to maintain the operation of the Navajo Generating Station beyond 2019.

We are very proud that the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) has led development of a broad national labor, industry and consumer coalition that will advocate for keeping the plant online long-term to secure Arizona's energy and water future and protect Navajo and Hopi economies.

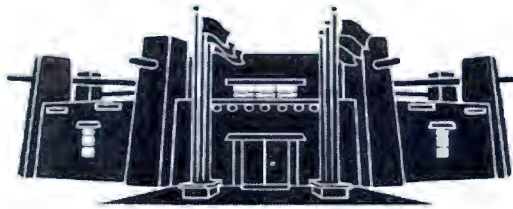
The coalition was launched Feb. 6 during a news conference at the state capitol with UMWA President Cecil Roberts and included a rally with more than 200 tribal workers and families supporting the effort. Navajo Nation Speaker LoRenzo Bates participated in the news conference, and we are honored that he has continued to express his support for the traditional working family.

Founding members of the coalition already represent more than 100,000 U.S. businesses and organizations. The coalition's website is www.YestoNGS.org and we are on Facebook at Yes to NGS and Twitter @YestoNGS.

We are heartened by the momentum the coalition is gaining and respectfully ask for your support of new legislation that will allow the Navajo Nation to formally join the "Yes to NGS" coalition. Please help us continue to sustain jobs that will enable Navajos to live and work on our homeland and support our children, our extended families and the entire Navajo Nation.


Respectfully;

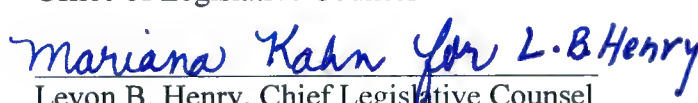
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President Local 1924
P.O. Box 247
Kayenta, AZ 86033



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
23rd Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM: 
Candace French, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

THRU: 
Levon B. Henry, Chief Legislative Counsel
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: March 13, 2018

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;
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(NAVAJO GENERATING STATION)" COALITION

Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and the documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601, and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0092-18_____ SPONSOR: Nathaniel Brown

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**THE NAVAJO NATION
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INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

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Posted: March 13, 2018 at 3:54 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: March 18, 2018

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



**Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services**

03-19-18 @ 11:15 AM

Date/Time

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT Fourth Year 2018

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

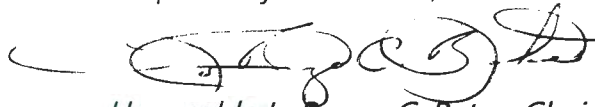
NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0092-18

An Action Relating to Naabik'iyat' Committee; Authorizing the Navajo Nation to Join the "Yes to NGS (Navajo Generating Station)" Coalition

Sponsored by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **WAS TABLED AND REMAINS WITH THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable Lorenzo C. Bates, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

22 MARCH 2018

TABLING MOTION:

Motion to Table to allow Western Agency Council Delegates as well as other Council Delegates to discuss Legislation 0092-18; Table to next Naabik'iyat' Committee meeting

Motioned by: Honorable Otto Tso

Seconded by: Honorable Benjamin Bennett

Vote: 10 in Favor, 05 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

MAIN MOTION:

Motioned by: Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.

Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

Vote: VOTE PENDING

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 845

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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Amd# to Amd#	Table to allow the Western
MOT Tso	Caucus to meet first by the
SEC Bennett	next Naabik'iyati' Committee
	meeting.

PASSED

Yea : 10

Nay : 5

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Yea : 10

Bennett
Jack
Perry

Pete
Phelps
Slim

Smith
Tso

Tsosie
Witherspoon

Nay : 5

Begay, S
BeGaye, N

Brown

Daniels

Yazzie

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Bates
Begay, K
Begay, NM

Chee
Crotty

Damon
Filfred

Hale
Shepherd