

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0032-17

**DATE:** January 17, 2017

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 503, MEETINGS

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will amend the meeting day for the Resources and Development Committee from Tuesday to Wednesday.

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

5-DAY BILL/HOLD PERIOD: None  
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Eligible for Action: 1/24/2017

Resources & Development Committee

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Law & Order Committee

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Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee

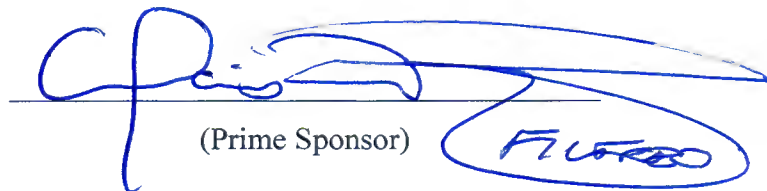
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor) FUTRO

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, LAW AND ORDER,  
AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
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BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation empowered the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee to review and recommend proposed Navajo Nation Code enactments and amendments. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall assign "[a] proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council to...the Naabik'iyáti' Committee." 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- D. This resolution proposes a positive law amendment and requires the Navajo Nation Council's approval. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9) (2012) and 2 N.N.C. § 164(A); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- E. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation to change the regular meeting date of the Resources and Development Committee from Tuesday each week to Wednesday

1 each week as it is more convenient for the Committee and so that the Committee  
2 may conduct business more effectively.

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4 **Section Two. Amendment to Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code**

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6 The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Nation Code, Title 2, § 503 as  
7 follows:

8 **TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**  
9 **CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**  
10 **SUBCHAPTER 9. STANDING COMMITTEES**  
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14 Article 3. Resources and Development Committee

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16 § 503. Meetings

17 Meetings shall be held on ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday of each week.  
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20 **Section Three. Effective Date**

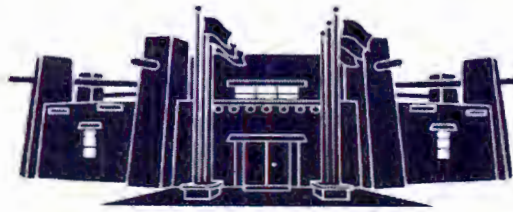
21 The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2  
22 N.N.C. § 221(B).  
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24 **Section Four. Codification**

25 The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation  
26 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative  
27 Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the  
28 Navajo Nation Code.  
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1       **Section Five. Savings Clause**

2       Should any provisions of this ordinance be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
3       Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the  
4       Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this ordinance which are not  
5       determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Hon. Davis Filfred  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Levon B. Henry, Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** January 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 503, MEETINGS

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

The Office of Legislative Council confirms the appropriate review is with the Standing Committees and the Navajo Nation Council. 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 this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Prime Sponsor", and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7166. Thank you.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0032-17\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: Davis Filfred

TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §503, Meetings

*Date posted:* January 18, 2017 at 5:06pm

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(928) 871-7590

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THE NAVAJO NATION  
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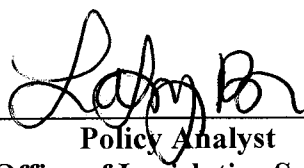
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Posted: January 18, 2017 at 5:06 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: January 23, 2017

Digital Comments received:

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



Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services

1/24/17 1:29pm  
Date/Time



RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

THIRD YEAR 2017

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation # 0032-17:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order and Naabik'Iyati Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §.503, Meetings **Sponsor:** Honorable Davis Filfred

Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with the following amendment:

**Page 2 of 3, Line 17,** after the work "week", insert the following new language: "except for the weeks of the regular Navajo Nation Council Session."

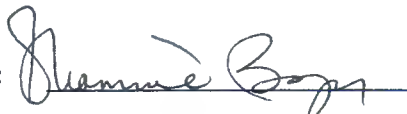
**(M: Walter Phelps S: Benjamin Bennett V: 5-0-1)**

And thereafter referred the legislation to Law and Order Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Adopted: 

Not Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** January 31, 2017  
**Main Motion:** Honorable Benjamin Bennett  
**Second:** Honorable Leonard Pete  
**Vote:** 5-0-1



**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**THIRD YEAR 2017**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation No. 0032-17:** An Act Relating Resources and Development, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 503, Meetings –  
Sponsor: Hon. Davis Filfred

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS** with no amendment

And thereafter referred to Naabik'iyati' Committee

Respectfully submitted,

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Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: February 27, 2017

Main Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

Second : Honorable Otto Tso

Vote : 3-2

**23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT  
Third Year 2017**

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

**NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATION #0032-17**


An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 503, Meetings

***SPONSOR: Honorable Davis Filfred***

***CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Walter Phelps***

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Respectfully Submitted,



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

**13 APRIL 2017**

**MAIN MOTION:**

*Motioned by: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty*

*Seconded by: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale*

*Vote: 16 in Favor, 03 Opposed (Chairman Bates not voting)*

**23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
COUNCIL REPORT  
Third Year 2017**

The **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL** to whom has been assigned:

**NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATION #0032-17**

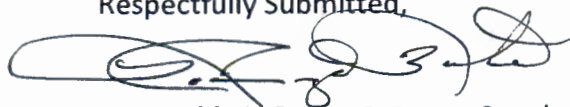
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***SPONSOR: Honorable Davis Filfred***

***CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Walter Phelps***

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **FAILED – Needed 16 in Favor Votes**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LoRenzo C. Bates', written over a horizontal line.

*Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker*  
**NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**19 APRIL 2017**

**MAIN MOTION:**

*Motioned by: Honorable Otto Tso*

*Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels*

*Vote: 15 in Favor, 00 Opposed (Chairman Bates not voting) – FAILED – Needed 16 in Favor Votes*

NAVAJO NATION

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Legislation No. 0032-17

FAILED

MOT Tso

Amending 2 N.N.C. Section

SEC Daniels

503 Meetings

**Yea : 15**

**Nay : 0**

**Not Voting : 7**

**Yea : 15**

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Perry

Tsosie

Begay, S

Daniels

Phelps

Witherspoon

Brown

Filfred

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Yazzie

Chee

Hale

Tso

**Nay : 0**

**Not Voting : 7**

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Bennett

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Shepherd

Begay, NM

Damon

Pete

Smith

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