

**2008 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Indian affairs committee has existed since 1989 as a result of post-session New Mexico legislative council action each year. In view of the fact that the committee's work addresses issues relating principally to New Mexico's Native American population, the committee strives to conduct its meetings in locations that are accessible to the state's tribal members and their leaders. The committee views its meetings as an essential way of relating the work of the legislature to this segment of its constituency. This year, in addition to meetings in Santa Fe, the committee plans to meet at five chapters of the Navajo Nation, five of the 19 pueblos located in New Mexico, the capital of the Navajo Nation and the cities of Albuquerque, Gallup and Grants.

A. The Indian affairs committee proposes to explore and discuss the following topics during the 2008 interim:

1. capital outlay, including tracking the expenditure of allocated funds and coordination with the Navajo Nation;
2. implementation of the Indian Education Act and Native American education, including enforcement of truancy laws;
3. health care for Native Americans and in Native American communities;
4. domestic violence in Native American communities, funding of shelter facilities and the impact of substance abuse and DWI violations;

5. resumption of uranium mining on tribal lands and cleanup of abandoned uranium mining and milling sites;

6. Native American veterans' affairs, including settlement of state income tax refund claims;

7. services provided by the office of the medical investigator to tribal communities;

8. funding of projects from the tribal infrastructure project fund;

9. collection of taxes by utilities from customers on tribal lands;

10. feasibility of designating Shiprock Pinnacle as a state park;

11. Navajo Nation child support services;

12. tribal emergency management services;

13. disproportionate incarceration of Native Americans in relation to the population;

14. gambling addiction treatment services, including accountability for funding set aside for that purpose;

15. status of Indian water rights settlements in coordination with the water and natural resources committee; and

16. Native American voting rights and election issues in coordination with the courts, corrections and justice committee.

B. The committee will coordinate, as needed, with other committees regarding presentations of subject matter of common concern.

APPROVED MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 21	Santa Fe
July 7-9	Albuquerque, Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Zia
August 11-13	Gallup, Window Rock, Arizona
September 8-10	Shiprock Chapter, Upper Fruitland Chapter, Nageezi Chapter
October 1-3	Crownpoint Chapter, Grants, Ramah Chapter
November 5-7	Pueblo of Picuris, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Santa Fe