

Legislative Council Service

**2011 LEGISLATION SUMMARY
for the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Bills Chaptered

SB 417

This bill establishes, through the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative, a statewide clearinghouse for Native American suicide prevention and three culturally based suicide prevention initiatives for Native Americans.

Memorials Signed

HJM 6

This joint memorial requests Congress to fund the Indian Health Service as an entitlement program.

HJM 7

This joint memorial requests the Cultural Affairs Department to conduct a feasibility study on returning control and operation of the Jemez State Monument Heritage Area to the Pueblo of Jemez.

HJM 40

This joint memorial requests Indian pueblos, tribes and nations to establish a mechanism to engage in planning and to capitalize on opportunities to reform health care for Native Americans in New Mexico.

HM 67, SM 81

These memorials request Congress to fund the construction of the Navajo Indian irrigation project.

HM 72

This memorial requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to create a task force to study the feasibility of permitting students at tribal colleges to qualify for legislative lottery scholarships.

SJM 35

This joint memorial requests the Legislative Education Study Committee to study the use of impact aid set-aside money for Indian education.

SM 52 This memorial requests the Legislative Education Study Committee and the interim legislative Indian Affairs Committee to convene a joint subcommittee to assess the effectiveness of the Indian Education Act.

Actions Postponed Indefinitely

HB 92, HB 601 These bills would have allowed students who are otherwise eligible for the lottery scholarship but attend a tribal college to receive the scholarship.

HB 403, SB 224,
SB 238, SB 510 These bills would have attempted to address the funding issues of capital projects for chapters of the Navajo Nation by allowing certain chapters or organizations to receive direct funding or use an alternative fiscal agent.

HB 515, SB 376 These bills would have provided for six percent of severance tax bonding capacity to be used to satisfy the state's obligations to pay the state's portion of the costs necessary to implement the Aamodt, Taos and Navajo Nation Indian water rights settlements.

HB 554 This bill would have allowed an applicant for a commercial driver's license to test without limit and would have required the facilitation of Native Americans residing on reservations where no physical address exists to establish state of domicile.

HJM 8 This joint memorial would have requested the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Human Services Department and the Indian Affairs Department to provide technical assistance and support to the Navajo Nation in developing a foster care and subsidized adoption program plan eligible for federal reimbursement; and would have further requested the Department of Finance and Administration to study the fiscal impact of implementing that plan.