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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR
CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BY CHAPTERS OF THE
NAVAJO NATION.

WHEREAS, the interim Indian affairs committee has heard
testimony during the 2005 interim that members of the Navajo
Nation living in remote areas may not have access to some of
the basic necessities of life such as electricity and running
water; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico each year appropriates to
chapters of the Navajo Nation hundreds of thousands of dollars
for capital improvements and extensions of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the capital outlay appropriation process works on
a reimbursement basis whereby entities receiving appropriations
must first expend funds in order to be eligible for

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1 reimbursement; and

2 WHEREAS, chapters of the Navajo Nation have limited
3 financial resources to expend on capital improvement projects
4 prior to reimbursement from other funding sources; and

5 WHEREAS, the inability of chapters of the Navajo Nation to
6 pay up-front costs of capital improvement projects has led to
7 the reversion of significant funding from the state and
8 cancellation of much-needed capital improvement projects;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Navajo Nation be encouraged to
11 establish and fund a revolving loan fund for chapter capital
12 improvements, the disbursements from which will be reimbursed
13 by capital outlay appropriations from the state of New Mexico
14 when such appropriations have been approved by the state; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the president of the Navajo Nation, the speaker
17 of the Navajo Nation council, the governor of New Mexico and
18 the secretary of Indian affairs.