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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF THE THEFT OF
MERCHANDISE SHELLS AND PALLETS.

WHEREAS, last year, approximately one hundred thousand
merchandise shells and pallets, both wood and plastic, were
stolen from the members of the New Mexico beverage
association with a replacement value in excess of two million
five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000); and

WHEREAS, the food and beverage industry must pay the
cost of replacing these valuable products and ultimately pass
these costs along to consumers; and

WHEREAS, thousands of stolen merchandise shells and
pallets are found in recycling facilities clearly identified
and stamped with company names; and

WHEREAS, recycling companies in New Mexico are currently
not required to obtain the identity of the sellers; and

WHEREAS, other states, such as Texas, Ohio and Michigan,
have passed legislation requiring recyclers to obtain the
identity of anyone selling more than ten beverage industry
shells and pallets; and

WHEREAS, other states require recyclers to retain seller
information for one year in order for law enforcement to
investigate potential stolen goods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate interim legislative
2 committee be requested to explore issues related to theft of
3 merchandise shells and pallets in New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
6 council.

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