

April 5, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 66

The Honorable Ben Lujan and
Members of the House of Representatives
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable Speaker and Members of the House:

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 318, as amended,
enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill prohibits the use of cigarette vending machines and other tobacco self-service methods in businesses accessible to minors. Although I fully support efforts to reduce tobacco use among New Mexico's children, this bill does not provide an effective strategy to accomplish this worthy goal. It would instead place a tremendous burden on this state's small business community, especially those tobacco vendors who are ill equipped to restrict access to their establishments.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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