FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION, 2003

February 6, 2003

Mr. Speaker:

Your **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, before the period insert "; EXEMPTING ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES FROM MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES".

2. On page 1, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following new section:

"Section 2. Section 7-9-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 144, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-9-23. EXEMPTION--COMPENSATING TAX--VEHICLES.--Exempted from the compensating tax is the use of vehicles on which the tax imposed by the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Act has been paid, [and on] the use of vehicles subject to registration under Section 66-3-16 NMSA 1978 and the use of vehicles exempt from the motor vehicle excise tax pursuant to Subsection F of Section 7-14-6 NMSA 1978."".

3. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

4. On page 3, line 3, after "fuel" insert "or that are gaselectric hybrid vehicles".

5. On page 3, line 5, after "hydrogen" strike the remainder of the line and strike all of line 6 up to the period and insert in lieu thereof ", a fuel mixture containing not less than seventy percent ethanol or methanol or a fuel mixture containing not less than twenty percent biodiesel or vegetable oil".

6. On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following new section:

"Section 4. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is enacted to read:

"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES--EXEMPTION FROM

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REGISTRATION FEES.--Vehicles that operate exclusively on alternative fuel or that are gas-electric hybrid vehicles are exempt from registration fees, but not from tire recycling fees imposed pursuant to Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978. For purposes of this section, "alternative fuel" means natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, electricity, hydrogen, a fuel mixture containing not less than seventy percent ethanol or methanol or a fuel mixture containing not less than twenty percent biodiesel or vegetable oil."".

7. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.,

and thence referred to the **TAXATION AND REVENUE** COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

Adopted ____

(Chief Clerk) Not Adopted _____

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 10For 0AgainstYes:10Excused:Rodella, Taylor, JGAbsent:None

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