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SENATE MEMORIAL 7

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CALL OUT THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL  
GUARD TO CLOSE THE STATE'S BORDER WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO  
IN ORDER TO STOP THE FLOW OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM THE REPUBLIC  
OF MEXICO INTO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, methamphetamine is rapidly becoming the local  
drug of choice in New Mexico's communities and is having an  
overwhelming impact on local law enforcement and the criminal  
justice system; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine is a criminal-lifestyle drug and  
fuels a broad range of felony criminal activities, including  
automobile theft, forgery, credit-card fraud, identity theft,  
mail theft, burglary and shoplifting; and

WHEREAS, a crackdown on methamphetamine laboratories in  
the United States and tightened control over the chemicals used

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1 to make the drug have sparked a proliferation of  
2 methamphetamine production in the Republic of Mexico, including  
3 production from so-called superlabs that can make twenty times  
4 more methamphetamine than the large clandestine methamphetamine  
5 laboratories in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, with fewer law enforcement resources in the  
7 Republic of Mexico dedicated to eliminating methamphetamine,  
8 and with Mexican drug cartels importing from Asia vast  
9 quantities of the precursor drugs and chemicals needed to  
10 manufacture methamphetamine, there has been an increase in the  
11 amount of methamphetamine seized in the Republic of Mexico and  
12 at ports of entry along the southwest border of the United  
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Mexican drug cartels are increasingly producing a  
15 form of methamphetamine called crystal methamphetamine, or  
16 "ice", which is far purer, and therefore even more highly  
17 addictive, than powdered, home-cooked methamphetamine; and

18 WHEREAS, ice leads to a greater risk of overdose and  
19 because ice costs more, thefts are increasing as people who  
20 once manufactured methamphetamine at home now have to buy it;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
22 OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to call out the  
23 New Mexico national guard to close and patrol the border  
24 between New Mexico and the Republic of Mexico in order to  
25 protect the citizens of New Mexico and the United States from

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1 the scourge of methamphetamine; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the governor.

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