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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1
50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2011

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A RESOLUTION
IMPLORING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK MORE DILIGENTLY
AND EXPEDITIOUSLY TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION THAT HAS BEEN
INTRODUCED DURING THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the house of representatives convened on
September 6, 2011 in a special session called by the governor
to consider many pressing issues facing the state of New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, those issues include redrawing the state's
political districts, limiting the issuance of New Mexico
driver's licenses to bona fide New Mexico residents who are in
the United States legally, restoring the state's unemployment
insurance fund to fiscal solvency and granting the chief
executive and local governments the authority to ban the sale

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1 and use of fireworks during times of extreme fire danger; and

2 WHEREAS, legislation to address these issues has been
3 introduced in the house of representatives, and that
4 legislation deserves the house's immediate attention; and

5 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the house of representatives
6 to work diligently to address these and other issues during the
7 limited time available during this special session; and

8 WHEREAS, in the five days that the legislature has been in
9 session through September 10, 2011, the committees assigned to
10 hear the introduced legislation to limit the issuance of
11 driver's licenses, restore the financial viability of the
12 unemployment insurance fund and protect the public from
13 potentially dangerous fireworks have not met; and

14 WHEREAS, this legislation is clearly within the scope of
15 the proclamation that the governor issued to convene the
16 special session; and

17 WHEREAS, while the house voters and elections committee
18 has met to consider redistricting legislation, the committee
19 has met only twice, for a total of about three hours; and

20 WHEREAS, while the limited meetings of the house voters
21 and elections committee have taken the time of the thirteen
22 members of the committee, the committee's limited work to date
23 has not impeded the ability of other committees to meet; and

24 WHEREAS, during the five days that the house of
25 representatives has been convened during this special session,

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1 it has been in session for only a total of no more than ten
2 hours; and

3 WHEREAS, each time that the house has recessed during the
4 first special session of the fiftieth legislature, it has been
5 upon a motion by the majority floor leader; and

6 WHEREAS, the total time that the house of representatives
7 and the house voters and elections committee has met through
8 September 10 is no more than thirteen hours, for an average of
9 well under three hours a day; and

10 WHEREAS, under the rules of the house of representatives,
11 committee chairs have the sole responsibility and authority to
12 convene committee meetings;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the chairs of
15 the committees to which introduced legislation has been
16 referred be directed to immediately schedule meetings to hear
17 that legislation; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
19 be committed, from this point forward, to working diligently
20 and expeditiously to conclude its work on the important issues
21 before it.