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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

DEDE FELDMAN

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL JURISDICTIONS TO USE THEIR AUTHORITIES TO COOPERATIVELY PRESERVE THE STATE'S RIVER ECOSYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, the first New Mexicans found magnificent rivers teeming with life; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rivers enabled us to achieve the natural and economic wealth we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rivers remain a vital resource for drinking water, food production, recreation for citizens and visitors, a high quality of life and the spiritual renewal of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, rivers have undergone profound changes as a result of our development and are now threatened by desiccation, toxic pollution, siltation and salinity;

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1 WHEREAS, new diversions and changes of use may further
2 deplete the flow of our rivers and with it threaten the many
3 environmental values of rivers; and

4 WHEREAS, healthy and diverse wildlife resources are
5 compatible with a vibrant and sustainable economy;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all state agencies, counties,
8 municipalities and special jurisdictions cooperate to devise
9 strategies to protect and enhance the quality and quantity of
10 water in our streams; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of environment
12 be requested to identify sources of pollution and implement
13 viable methods to abate water pollution; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of game and fish
15 be requested to serve the quality of ecosystems that nongame
16 species as well as game species depend upon; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer be requested
18 to use environmental criteria in issuing permits for diversion
19 of water; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that counties, municipalities and
21 special jurisdictions be requested to dedicate a portion of
22 their water transfers to the preservation of stream flows to
23 maintain and restore aquatic and riparian ecosystems and protect
24 New Mexico's natural heritage; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of environment, the
2 director of the department of game and fish and the state
3 engineer.

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5 March 4, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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25 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

Yes: 5

No: Adair

Excused: Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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5 Mr. President:

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7 Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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14 1. On page 2, line 1, after "new" insert "municipal".

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16 2. On page 2, line 15, strike "serve" and insert in lieu
17 thereof "preserve".

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19 3. On page 2, line 16, after "upon" insert "and to rely upon
20 voluntary mechanisms when private lands are involved".

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22 4. On page 2, line 18, strike "environmental criteria" and
23 insert in lieu thereof "water quality under its public welfare
24 criteria".

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5. On page 2, line 21, strike "be requested to dedicate" and

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insert in lieu thereof "consider dedicating".

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 2 Against

Yes: 7

No: Davis, Lyons

Excused: Griego

Absent: None

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Mr. Speaker:

Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

No: Macko

Excused: Getty, Roberts, Stewart, Salazar

Absent: None

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