

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 77

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE PARK AND RECREATION DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE ITS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CORONADO STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, Coronado state park is managed solely by the state park and recreation division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department and Coronado state monument is managed by the museum division of the office of cultural affairs; and

WHEREAS, the state park and recreation division has proposed that the management of both facilities be the sole responsibility of the museum division; and

WHEREAS, the director of the state park and recreation division summarily informed the director of the museum division in April 1997 that the facility would be transferred

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1 to the museum division in November of that year with certain
2 park facilities closed or removed from the property; and

3 WHEREAS, the director of the museum division has stated
4 that his division is not able to support the decision to close
5 the park or to transfer management of the facility because the
6 division lacks the personnel, equipment and operating budget;
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8 WHEREAS, a draft joint powers agreement was submitted to
9 the museum division in October 1997; and

10 WHEREAS, the park is a popular facility and provides
11 economic benefit to Sandoval county and the town of Bernalillo
12 and many park visitors and community leaders oppose the
13 closure or transfer of the park; and

14 WHEREAS, the attorney general's office has objected to
15 the park's closure or transfer based on terms of a lease still
16 in effect until the year 2042, the management authority
17 pursuant to the enabling statutes of the respective agencies,
18 the lack of legislative authorization for transference of
19 appropriations and the lack of legislative authority for
20 transference of property pursuant to Chapter 13, Article 6
21 NMSA 1978 or personnel pursuant to Section 10-7-1 NMSA 1978;
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23 WHEREAS, the state park and recreation division had
24 asserted that the park no longer meets the division's criteria
25 for a state park, and yet the state park and recreation

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1 division has not explained its criteria to the public; and

2 WHEREAS, the state park and recreation division should
3 conduct public hearings on any proposed closure or transfer of
4 a state park in the future; and

5 WHEREAS, private businesses and, therefore, the local
6 economy may be hurt by the closure or improper and inadequate
7 transfer of resources and operations of a state park as
8 important and popular as Coronado state park; and

9 WHEREAS, transfer or closure of the park may jeopardize
10 the safety and security of the community and visitors to the
11 area; and

12 WHEREAS, this situation clearly supports the need for the
13 legislature to re-establish a state park commission;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Coronado state park continue to be
16 managed and operated by the state park and recreation division
17 of the energy, minerals and natural resources department
18 pursuant to statutory authority and legislative
19 appropriations; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any further discussions or
21 plans for changing the operating conditions of the park be
22 conducted and prepared forthrightly, properly and pursuant to
23 law; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of energy, minerals

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1 and natural resources, the state cultural affairs officer and
2 the attorney general.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Gary K. King, Chairman
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10 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 8

12 Excused: Crook, Sandel

13 Absent: None

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