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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 10

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

INTRODUCED BY

ROMAN M. MAES III

FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A REGIONAL AIRPORT TO SERVE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the largest airport in New Mexico is the Albuquerque international airport located in that city; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque is over eighty-five miles from Espanola, Los Alamos, Las Vegas or Taos; and

WHEREAS, people traveling for business or pleasure to the northern part of the state must build into their schedules significant amounts of time to drive to and from Albuquerque to use that airport; and

WHEREAS, the culture and history of New Mexico draw many thousands of visitors each year into the state and into the northern New Mexico region who compete with the business

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1 population on a limited network of interstate highways and
2 state and county roads, thereby creating a significant amount
3 of stress on that transportation system; and

4 WHEREAS, a viable resolution to this dangerous and
5 escalating highway overcrowding may be the development of a
6 regional airport to serve northern New Mexico's businesses,
7 residents and tourists and to attract potential businesses;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a regional airport site should be carefully
10 chosen based on a variety of criteria, including the ecosystem
11 of each prospective area, the proximity of each area to
12 municipalities, the geographical feasibility of each
13 prospective site and many other factors, while maintaining and
14 enhancing the quality of life for local residents and
15 augmenting New Mexico's overall transportation infrastructure,
16 which will lead to a stronger, more diverse regional economy;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that governmental entities in northern
19 New Mexico, including Los Alamos national laboratory, conduct
20 a study to determine the feasibility of building a regional
21 airport in northern New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be coordinated by
23 Los Alamos national laboratory personnel in cooperation with
24 the university of New Mexico, public and private economic
25 development groups and interested citizens; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings be presented to
2 the appropriate interim legislative committee no later than
3 October 1, 1998; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 sent to the director of Los Alamos national laboratory, the
6 board of regents of the university of New Mexico, the
7 governing bodies of Espanola, Los Alamos, Taos and Las Vegas
8 and the board of county commissioners where each municipality
9 is located.

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5 January 30, 1998
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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.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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Yes: 5

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Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: 0

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

9 **Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to**
10 **whom has been referred**

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

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21 **Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairman**

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9 The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 4

11 Excused: Pearce, Saavedra, Wallace

12 Absent: None

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