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SENATE BILL 171

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Pauline B. Eisenstadt

AN ACT

CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE INTERNET COMMITTEE;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. INTERNET COMMITTEE CREATED--

TERMINATION.--The "internet committee" is created as a joint interim legislative committee. The committee shall function from the date of its appointment until the first day of December prior to the second session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES.--

A. The internet committee shall be composed of ten members. The New Mexico legislative council shall appoint five members from the house of representatives and five members from the senate. At the time of making the

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1 appointment, the legislative council shall designate the  
2 chairman and vice chairman of the committee.

3 B. Members shall be appointed from each house so  
4 as to give the two major political parties in each house the  
5 same proportionate representation on the committee as prevails  
6 in each house; however, in no event shall either party have  
7 less than one member from each house on the committee. At the  
8 request of the committee chairman, members may be removed from  
9 the committee by the New Mexico legislative council for  
10 nonattendance according to council policy. Vacancies on the  
11 committee, however caused, may be filled by the legislative  
12 council, or the council may reduce the size of the committee  
13 by not making replacement appointments and in such case need  
14 not readjust party representation.

15 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a  
16 majority of the total membership from either house on the  
17 committee rejects such action.

18 Section 3. DUTIES.--After its appointment, the internet  
19 committee shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a  
20 work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The work plan  
21 and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico legislative  
22 council for approval. Upon approval of the work plan and  
23 budget by the legislative council, the committee shall examine  
24 the internet and related information technology and public  
25 issues, including consumer privacy protection, security and

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1 the role of encryption, unwanted e-mail, content regulation,  
2 taxation, fraud and law enforcement, electronic commerce and  
3 designing web-enabled government and address the resulting  
4 problems and policy issues affecting the public and private  
5 sectors and citizens in New Mexico. As needed, the committee  
6 shall address state and federal statutes, constitutional  
7 provisions, regulations and court decisions affecting the  
8 internet and related policy and information technology issues  
9 and recommend legislation or changes if any are found to be  
10 necessary to the second session of the forty-fourth  
11 legislature.

12 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES. -- Subcommittees shall be  
13 created only by majority vote of all members appointed to the  
14 internet committee and with the prior approval of the New  
15 Mexico legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed  
16 of at least one member from the senate and one member from the  
17 house of representatives, and at least one member of the  
18 minority party shall be a member of the subcommittee. All  
19 meetings and expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved  
20 by the full committee in advance of such meeting or  
21 expenditure, and the approval shall be shown in the minutes of  
22 the committee.

23 Section 5. REPORT. -- The internet committee shall make a  
24 report of its findings and recommendations for the  
25 consideration of the second session of the forty-

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1 fourth legislature. The report and suggested legislation  
2 shall be made available to the New Mexico legislative council  
3 on or before December 15 preceding that session.

4 Section 6. STAFF.--The staff for the internet committee  
5 shall be provided by the legislative council service.

6 Section 7. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five thousand dollars  
7 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
8 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years  
9 1999 and 2000 for the purpose of paying the salaries and  
10 expenses of the technical, legal, clerical and stenographic  
11 assistants, for necessary equipment and supplies used in  
12 carrying out the provisions of this act and for reimbursing  
13 the per diem and mileage expenses of the internet committee.  
14 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
15 fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the general fund. Payments  
16 from the appropriation shall be made upon vouchers signed by  
17 the director of the legislative council service or his  
18 authorized representative.

19 Section 8. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
20 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
21 immediately.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with

15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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19 1. On page 1, line 12, strike "MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;".
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21 2. On page 4, strike Section 7 in its entirety.
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23 3. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.
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Respectfully submitted,

Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: Carraro, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben, Tsosie, Wilson

Absent: None

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