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SENATE BILL 372

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

INTRODUCED BY

Timothy Z. Jennings

AN ACT

RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public regulation commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive investigation and rate case of U S WEST's operations and rates in the state, including the employment or retention of experts to assist commission staff in the investigation and case presentation. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

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9 Mr. President:  
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11 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom  
12 has been referred  
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16 has had it under consideration and reports same WITHOUT  
17 RECOMMENDATION, amended as follows:  
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20 1. On page 1, line 15, after the dash insert the subsection  
21 designation "A. ".  
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23 2. On page 1, line 16, strike "to the public" and strike lines  
24 17 through 21 in their entirety and on line 22, strike  
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"presentation." and insert in lieu thereof:

"for the following purposes:

(1) four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the public regulation commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive rate case of operations and rates in the state of any telecommunications corporation that has more than one hundred thousand local exchange access lines in this state, including the employment or retention of experts to assist commission staff in the investigation and case presentation; and

(2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the office of the attorney general for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the retention of an expert to assist that office in preparing and presenting the interests of residential and small business consumers in the state in the comprehensive rate case of operations and rates in the state of any telecommunications corporation that has more than one hundred thousand local exchange access lines in this state."

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3. On page 1, line 22, before "Any" insert the subsection designation "B. ",

and further recommends that it now be referred to the JUDI CIARY  
COMMI TTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

No: Rawson

Excused: Macias, Robinson

Absent: None

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