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

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URGING THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES TO NOT RATIFY THE  
TREATY FROM THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE  
CHANGE ADOPTED IN DECEMBER 1997 AT KYOTO, JAPAN.

WHEREAS, in December 1997, the united nations framework  
convention on climate change met at Kyoto, Japan and adopted a  
treaty that commits the United States to reducing carbon  
dioxide emissions to seven percent below 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, James Hansen, of the national aeronautics and  
space administration and the chief architect of the global  
warming model that has been relied upon to bolster concern  
about global warming, recently stated: "The forces that drive  
long-term climate changes are not known with an accuracy  
sufficient to define future climate changes.", and has now  
admitted that his model was wrong, as reported in the

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1 Albuquerque journal of January 31, 1999; and

2 WHEREAS, fears of global warming due to increased levels  
3 of carbon dioxide are not based on sound scientific evidence;  
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5 WHEREAS, studies of past records of carbon dioxide levels  
6 in the atmosphere show no correlation to global temperature;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the adoption of the Kyoto Treaty may lead to  
9 government control of industry through the imposition of  
10 carbon production permits, rationing and a tax levy on  
11 consumer carbon emissions, resulting in sharply increased  
12 costs and the loss of thousands of jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, other major countries, including certain Latin  
14 American and Asian nations, are exempt from the restrictions  
15 of the Kyoto Treaty, putting the United States at a severe  
16 competitive disadvantage in the global economy; and

17 WHEREAS, the senate of the United States, in March 1997,  
18 by a vote of 95-0 passed Senate Resolution 98, sponsored by  
19 Senator Robert Byrd; and

20 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 98 made two very specific  
21 stipulations about the Kyoto Treaty: it should apply to all  
22 nations; and it should not harm the American economy; and

23 WHEREAS, the following organizations have passed  
24 resolutions supporting the sentiments of Senate Resolution 98:  
25 the national governors association; AFL-CIO executive council;

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1 energy council; western governors' association; national  
2 association of counties; American legislative exchange  
3 council; southern legislative conference; midwestern  
4 legislative conference; southern state energy board;  
5 transportation trades department, AFL-CIO; industrial union  
6 department, AFL-CIO; united mine workers of America; united  
7 mine workers of America, bituminous coal operators; and  
8 southern governors' association;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the senate of the United States is  
11 urged not to ratify the Kyoto Treaty adopted by the united  
12 nations framework convention on climate change under its  
13 present terms and that the senate of the United States enact  
14 legislation prohibiting the adoption of an executive order or  
15 regulation attempting to make effective any provision of the  
16 Kyoto Treaty; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
19 president of the United States senate and the members of the  
20 New Mexico congressional delegation.