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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 65

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

INTRODUCED BY
Stevan Pearce

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE NEW MEXICO YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS,
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND
OTHER LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO RESTORE THE STATE'S
RANGE AND FOREST LANDS FOR IMPROVED WATERSHED FUNCTIONS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an arid state with annual
precipitation in some areas as low as seven inches; and

WHEREAS, recent droughts have severely affected
agricultural economies and the state's ability to meet
delivery obligations under interstate compacts; and

WHEREAS, rapid urban and population growth have and will
continue to strain the state's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, water resources and related land and vegetative
ecosystems must be improved and managed more effectively if

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1 water needs of the state are to be adequately met; and

2 WHEREAS, environmental values, rural economies, cultural
3 values and social benefits can be compatible if management
4 practices are more carefully planned and executed; and

5 WHEREAS, ranchers such as Sid Goodlow have undertaken
6 conservation measures and vegetation management that has
7 resulted in healthier ecosystems and more water production;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the soil and water conservation districts around
10 the state are grass roots organizations with expertise and
11 experience necessary to carry out ecologically sound
12 principles of range improvement and vegetation management to
13 enhance watershed functions and the state's water supply;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the soil and water conservation
16 districts, with cooperation from the New Mexico youth
17 conservation corps, be requested to undertake a collaborative
18 effort with the United States forest service, the bureau of
19 land management and other local, state and federal agencies to
20 improve watershed function through vegetative management,
21 range and forest improvement and ecosystem restoration; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the soil and water conservation commission, the
24 New Mexico youth conservation corps director, the regional
25 directors of the United States forest service and bureau of

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land management and the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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6 March 4, 1999
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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
11 to 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 Joe M Stell, Chairman
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Yes: 7

Excused: Varela, Wright

Absent: None

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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to HOUSE JOINT MEMDRIAL 65

Amendment sponsored by Representative Mimi Stewart

1. On page 1, line 12, after "WITH" insert "THE STATE LAND OFFICE, ".

2. On page 1, line 14, after "AGENCIES" insert "WORK".

3. On page 2, line 16, after "from" insert "the state land office, ".

4. On page 2, line 23, after "commission" insert ", the commissioner of public lands".

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FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 11, 1999

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 65, as amended

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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6 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

7 Yes: 6

8 No: None

9 Excused: Eisenstadt, Griego, Lyons, Sanchez

10 Absent: None

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