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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 66

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

INTRODUCED BY

Terry Marquardt

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO PLAN FOR A SECOND INMATE FORESTRY WORK CAMP.

WHEREAS, the legislature passed and the governor signed the Inmate Forestry Work Camp Act, which became Laws 1998, Chapter 57; and

WHEREAS, the act established a work camp program that would be conducted jointly by the corrections department and the forestry division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources has published information that the need for inmate forestry work camps is urgent to help restore the state's forests and improve watersheds; and

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1 WHEREAS, the severe drought conditions of the last
2 several years continue through this winter, and the threat of
3 fire is especially dire; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico's need for workers for forest
5 thinning, watershed improvement, prescribed burns, fire break
6 and trail maintenance and other services can be met by
7 establishing inmate forestry work camps; and

8 WHEREAS, inmates can benefit greatly from the inmate
9 forestry work camp program, as they will be participating in
10 meaningful work; and

11 WHEREAS, given the need for the work and the need to keep
12 inmates engaged in worthwhile activities, the establishment of
13 inmate forestry work camps should be a high priority for both
14 the corrections department and the energy, minerals and
15 natural resources department;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department and the
18 forestry division of the energy, minerals and natural
19 resources department be requested to establish at least two
20 inmate forestry work camps by July 1, 2000; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments consider the
22 most cost-efficient ways of establishing the work camps,
23 including using corrections property or other state property
24 that would be appropriate for the purpose; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property control division

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1 of the general services department be requested to work with
2 the departments as needed to ensure the work camps are
3 established; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments be encouraged
5 to establish the work camps as soon as possible within their
6 fiscal year 2000 appropriations; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if additional funding is
8 needed, it be included in the departments' budget requests for
9 next year as a high priority item; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments report to the
11 legislative finance committee, the courts, corrections and
12 criminal justice committee and other appropriate interim
13 committees on the progress of establishing the work camps; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of corrections, the
16 secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources and the
17 director of the property control division of the general
18 services department.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your JUDICIARY 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:

- 16 1. On page 3, line 5, after "camps" insert ", available
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18 both male and female inmates,".

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Respectfully submitted,

R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Godbey, Luna, Martinez, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

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Yes: 5

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No: Davis

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Excused: Aragon, Stockard

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Absent: None

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