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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 57

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

INTRODUCED BY

John Arthur Smith

A JOINT MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO TO CAP ABANDONED WATER
WELLS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND SEEK TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM THE
LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, abandoned wells are a public health risk and a safety risk to children,
adults and animals; and

WHEREAS, abandoned wells may range from open pipes to holes in the ground, and
may constitute an attractive nuisance on a person's land; and

WHEREAS, abandoned wells are a potential source of contaminants of the
underground aquifer and water supply; and

WHEREAS, local soil and water districts provide information on capping abandoned
wells;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public and property owners should be warned about the
need to cap abandoned wells; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a resident of New Mexico who is aware of an

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1 abandoned well should contact his local soil and water conservation district to seek technical
2 help and financial assistance in capping the well; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state
4 engineer and the New Mexico department of agriculture to be disseminated to the local soil and
5 water conservation districts.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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12 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 57**

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

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22 **Fernando R. Macias, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Eisenstadt, Sanchez, Vernon, Rodarte

Absent: None

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FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 11, 1999

Mr. Speaker:

Your **AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES**
COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joe M Stell, Chairman

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Yes: 7

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Excused: Varela, Wright

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Absent: None

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