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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 64
44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999
INTRODUCED BY
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO STUDY WAYS TO
ELIMINATE COSTLY AND WASTEFUL DUPLICATION OF INTRODUCED BILLS.

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that it is possible,
even likely, that several legislators will have the same idea
and want to introduce legislation on the same topic; and

WHEREAS, that does not account for the excessively high
number of duplicate bills introduced this year; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, in an effort to control duplicate
bills, the house of representatives and the senate repealed
their rules that allowed for substitution of identical bills;
and

WHEREAS, the repeal did help control the number of
introduced duplicate bills for a few years, but the number of
intentionally duplicative bills has increased at an alarming

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1 rate over the last several years; and

2 WHEREAS, many duplicates are interim committee bills; and

3 WHEREAS, without the rule allowing for substitution,
4 duplicate introductions make little sense and are costly and
5 wasteful; and

6 WHEREAS, if duplicate introductions are done so that
7 members of each house may be shown as sponsors of the
8 legislation, there may be more efficient ways to accomplish
9 that purpose;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
12 study ways to eliminate the costly and wasteful practice of
13 duplicate introductions; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include alternative
15 means to show sponsorship; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 sent to the co-chairman of the New Mexico legislative council
18 and the director of the legislative council service.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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5 March 16, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Gloria Howes, Co-Chair

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(Chief Clerk)

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8 The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

9 Yes: 7

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11 Excused: Altamirano

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