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**SENATE MEMORIAL 47**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**INSTRUCTING INTERESTED GROUPS TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS BILL THAT  
IS ACCEPTABLE TO LANDOWNERS AND OIL AND GAS AND MINERAL  
PRODUCERS ADDRESSING SURFACE PROTECTIONS AND COMPENSATION  
METHODS.**

**WHEREAS, the economy of the state of New Mexico depends  
heavily upon the economic viability of landowners and land  
values and the energy, minerals and oil and natural gas  
industries; and**

**WHEREAS, there exists a conflict between the rights of  
surface owners and the rights of subsurface producers; and**

**WHEREAS, legislating a method to resolve the conflict and  
improve protections is an undesirable but necessary solution;  
and**

**WHEREAS, the associations, groups and individuals involved**

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1 in the issue are capable and willing to reach and support an  
2 agreement on consensus language for legislation, and they agree  
3 that doing so is in their best interests;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
5 OF NEW MEXICO that landowner representatives, the New Mexico  
6 cattle grower's association, the New Mexico farm and livestock  
7 bureau, the New Mexico association of conservation districts,  
8 the New Mexico home builders association, the realtors  
9 association of New Mexico, the New Mexico oil and gas  
10 association, the independent petroleum association of New  
11 Mexico and other interested groups meet in 2005 and diligently  
12 work toward developing legislation that can be supported by  
13 surface owners and subsurface producers; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the groups report their  
15 progress to the appropriate interim committee of the  
16 legislature prior to the second session of the forty-seventh  
17 legislature; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the New Mexico cattlegrower's association, the  
20 New Mexico farm and livestock bureau, the New Mexico  
21 association of conservation districts, the New Mexico home  
22 builders association, the realtors association of New Mexico,  
23 the New Mexico oil and gas association and the independent  
24 petroleum association of New Mexico.