

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE BE MADE
3 AVAILABLE TO VIEWERS AND LISTENERS VIA THE INTERNET.

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5 WHEREAS, legislative proceedings in more than forty
6 states across the country are available to the public via the
7 internet, bringing public policy debates and "democracy in
8 action" into the living rooms of citizens and the classrooms
9 of students; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature showed its support
11 for streaming its proceedings to the citizens it represents
12 by appropriating seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for
13 that purpose in 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council, at its
15 January 14, 2008 meeting, declined to direct staff to issue a
16 request for proposals to solicit bids so that webcasting
17 could begin; and

18 WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the senate have
19 expressed support for webcasting senate proceedings;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service be
22 requested to proceed as expeditiously as possible with the
23 necessary arrangements and contracts to ensure that the
24 proceedings of the senate will be streamed on the internet
25 beginning in 2009; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the legislative council service.
