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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY
FRED LUNA

FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD TO WORK CLOSELY WITH
THE NAVAJO NATION TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF LIVESTOCK JURISDICTION
AND CONTROL.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico livestock board has established
methods of inspection and determination of ownership of
livestock transported and sold in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo nation department of resource
enforcement enforces mandates established by the nation to
protect and preserve the natural resources and safeguard
livestock property of its people; and

WHEREAS, the state maintains a brand book that contains all
the brands issued in the state and provides laminated brand
cards that are used by owners at the time of sale of livestock
to prove ownership of brand; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Navajo nation has its own brand system in
2 place, with all Navajo livestock being marked with a "bar N"
3 brand; and

4 WHEREAS, the Navajo nation recognizes state brands and a
5 majority of Navajo residents in the checkerboard area use state
6 brands or lease state, United States bureau of land management
7 or Navajo lands, thus contributing revenue to the state through
8 the fees they pay; and

9 WHEREAS, enforcement and jurisdictional problems exist,
10 especially in the checkerboard area, due to confusing land
11 status boundaries, established grazing boundaries and fence
12 maintenance, allowing livestock to inadvertently trespass onto
13 adjoining land; and

14 WHEREAS, owners of livestock in the checkerboard area often
15 transport animals directly to auction without going through
16 Navajo inspection, and New Mexico livestock board inspectors do
17 not have jurisdiction on Navajo lands and do not write up an
18 inspection without a Navajo release; and

19 WHEREAS, the Navajo nation and its department of resource
20 enforcement are faced with the problem of limited manpower; and

21 WHEREAS, although the Navajo nation and the New Mexico
22 livestock board often work together to resolve issues of
23 livestock control and jurisdiction, there is no memorandum of
24 understanding in place between the two; and

25 WHEREAS, it is apparent that there is a definite need for

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1 all entities involved, the United States bureau of land
2 management, the Navajo nation and the New Mexico livestock
3 board, to join together to identify and resolve problems;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico livestock board and the
6 Navajo nation be encouraged to develop a strong working
7 relationship in which they exchange their current procedures and
8 discuss ways in which to resolve issues of livestock
9 jurisdiction and control to reduce livestock theft; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
11 to the director of the New Mexico livestock board, the director
12 of the Navajo nation department of resource enforcement and the
13 United States bureau of land management.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 11, 1997

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, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk)

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Porter, Wright

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 27, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE 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,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 13 For 0 Against

Yes: 13

Excused: Heaton, Marquardt, Picraux, Salazar

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 12, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against
Yes: 6
No: None
Excused: Eisenstadt, Feldman, Kysar, Tsosie
Absent: None

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