

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 59

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

INTRODUCED BY

G. X. MCSHERRY

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION WITH THE COOPERATION
OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH A NEW MEXICO RIVERS
INFORMATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in an arid region like New Mexico, rivers and
streams have always been one of the state's most critical
natural resources; and

WHEREAS, rivers and streams continue to be central to
settlement and commerce throughout the state and follow ancient
historical patterns along the natural arteries of water courses;
and

WHEREAS, rivers and streams remain a vital resource for
domestic water supplies, agriculture, recreation for citizens
and visitors, spiritual values of indigenous peoples and other
natural and community values; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico's citizens feel the direct consequences
2 of impacts on rivers and streams; and

3 WHEREAS, water quality and river and stream ecosystems have
4 been damaged, and are threatened, by toxic pollution, de-
5 watering, siltation and salinity; and

6 WHEREAS, there is not single state agency to inventory,
7 monitor and oversee all information about New Mexico's rivers,
8 streams and watersheds; and

9 WHEREAS, gathering the information from a myriad of state
10 and federal offices is inefficient, cumbersome and time
11 consuming; and

12 WHEREAS, the most effective tool for managing the resources
13 would be a statewide comprehensive New Mexico rivers information
14 system, which would compile, oversee and maintain the best
15 available information on rivers and streams into a single
16 repository that will be accessible to all state agencies and
17 other river interests;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interstate stream commission be
20 requested to establish a New Mexico rivers information system,
21 and that in doing so the commission cooperate with the:

22 A. energy, minerals and natural resources
23 department;

24 B. department of environment;

25 C. New Mexico department of agriculture;

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- D. department of game and fish;
- E. state engineer; and
- F. state cultural affairs officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information system include water quality and quantity, the condition of natural and cultural resources and recreational activities, agricultural activities and local economic and cultural conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interstate stream commission report on its progress to the interim integrated water and resource planning committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be forwarded to the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture and the director of the department of game and fish, the secretaries of environment and of energy, minerals and natural resources, the state engineer and the state cultural affairs officer.

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 8, 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, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, after "ESTABLISH", insert
"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR".

2. On page 2, line 20, after "establish", insert
"recommendations for".

3. On page 3, line 2, strike "and".

4. On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, insert "G.
commissioner of public lands; and".

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5. On page 3, line 15, after "engineer", insert ", the commissioner of public lands,".,
and thence referred to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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Not Adopted _____

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Townsend

Absent: None

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March 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY 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,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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March 20, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION 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,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Griego, Lyons, Macias, Tsosie

Absent: None

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