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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

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

INTRODUCED BY

PATRICK H. LYONS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF STATE
ACQUISITION OF EAGLE NEST LAKE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT AND USE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake was constructed in 1918 in the
scenic Moreno valley of northern New Mexico by the owner, the CS
cattle company; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake has been leased by the state game
commission for public recreational use at various times in the
past and is currently leased by the commission for this purpose,
the lease to expire in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake is one of the most productive
trout fisheries in the United States and is the most productive
large cold-water lake fishery in the state; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake is fished on over eighty-one

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1 thousand fisherman days annually by individuals who spend
2 significantly in the community in pursuit of their sport; and

3 WHEREAS, public use of Eagle Nest lake provides tremendous
4 economic and recreational benefits to the villages of Eagle Nest
5 and Angel Fire, the city of Taos, Colfax and Taos counties and
6 the state; and

7 WHEREAS, the owners of Eagle Nest lake have expressed a
8 willingness to discuss options for state acquisition of the lake
9 and surrounding property so that it will remain in public use
10 and in a pristine condition in perpetuity;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
13 requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to meet
14 with the owners and assess the feasibility of acquiring Eagle
15 Nest lake and the surrounding property for public use, including
16 identification of possible properties available for exchange;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate interim
19 committee report its findings and make recommendations to the
20 New Mexico legislative council by December 1, 1997; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.

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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, and thence referred to the
15 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Davis, Lyons, Macias, Payne

Absent: None

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