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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 60

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY
Arthur Rodarte

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE RIO ARriba COUNTY COMMISSION, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE STATE LAND OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ALL RESIDENTS OF RIO ARriba COUNTY WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP OTHER LOCATIONS AND RULES THAT RESULT IN A MINERAL EXTRACTION PROCESS THAT IS FRIENDLY AND ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE.

WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county is economically poor, but is rich in its multi-cultural heritage and traditional ways of community life; and

WHEREAS, Rio Arriba has been experiencing rapid growth and change in recent years which has resulted in development problems related to limited land resources; and

WHEREAS, a key development problem involves sand and gravel mining which is increasingly taking place in historic

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1 residential and farming communities; and

2 WHEREAS, while mineral extraction is important
3 economically to the area, it must be done in ways that will
4 not destroy villages and cultural resources; and

5 WHEREAS, pressure against unrestricted mining has been
6 brought by citizens groups representing threatened communities
7 including Native American pueblos; and

8 WHEREAS, the jobs of all citizens of Rio Arriba must be
9 preserved; and

10 WHEREAS, mineral extraction must not endanger historic
11 sites and archeological resources; and

12 WHEREAS, by exploring alternative sites, communities and
13 jobs can be saved and the quality of life preserved for future
14 generations;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Rio Arriba county commission, the
17 bureau of land management, the state land office, the
18 department of environment and all of the residents of Rio
19 Arriba county work together to develop other locations and
20 rules for mineral extraction that result in a process that is
21 environmentally friendly and economically feasible; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the Rio Arriba county commission, the bureau of
24 land management, the state land office and the department of
25 environment.

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5 March 4, 1999
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your CONSERVATION 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.
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22 Fernando R. Macias, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Eisenstadt, Sanchez, Vernon, Rodarte

Absent: None

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5 March 12, 1999
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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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21 James Roger Madalena, Chair man
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Kissner, Martinez, Picraux, Roberts

Absent: None

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