Mr. President:

Your HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS 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 11, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following new section:

"SECTION 2. Section 10-7C-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 6, Section 5, as amended by Laws 2002, Chapter 75, Section 1 and by Laws 2002, Chapter 80, Section 1) is amended to read:

"10-7C-5. AUTHORITY CREATED.--[A-] There is created the "retiree health care authority", which is established to provide for comprehensive group health insurance programs under the Retiree Health Care Act. [The authority shall be administratively attached to the public school insurance authority until December 31, 1993. The director of the public school insurance authority shall be the executive director of the retiree health care authority until December 31, 1993. The board created by Section 10-7C-6 NMSA 1978 shall remain fully independent of the board of the public school insurance authority.

B. The authority shall also administer the senior prescription drug program in conjunction with or through the consolidated purchasing process pursuant to the Health Care Purchasing Act."

2. Renumber succeeding sections accordingly."
and thence referred to the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chairman

Adopted_______________________ Not Adopted_______________________

(Chief Clerk)                          (Chief Clerk)

Date ________________________

The roll call vote was _5_ For _2_ Against
Yes:  5
No:   Gallegos, Schmedes
Excused: Ingle
Absent: None