

March 12, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 5

The Honorable Ben Lujan and
Members of the House of Representatives
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable Speaker and Members of the House:

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 268, as amended,
enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill appropriates \$100,000 to contribute to the national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I have already signed into law Senate Bill 100, as amended, which appropriated \$100,000 for this same purpose. As I understand it, our contribution of \$100,000 via Senate Bill 100 places New Mexico well above most states with a similar number of World War II veterans, and that the state memorial campaign has already surpassed its fundraising goal of \$15 million. While I support the purpose of this bill and applaud the Legislature for its efforts in passing legislation to fund this worthy endeavor, I believe that a second appropriation for the memorial is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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