

April 5, 2001

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 45**

The Honorable Richard Romero and  
Members of the Senate  
Executive-Legislative Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 354, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill addresses a concern of florists on how the gross receipts tax applies to their interstate wire order business.

It is unfortunate that this bill conflicts with two others, House Bill 119 and House Bill 743, as amended. Since House Bill 743 addresses a more widespread problem, it should take precedence.

I am also informed that the Taxation and Revenue Department believes that an administrative solution to this issue has been made available by House Bill 154 which I have already signed. The Department will be happy to report its progress to the appropriate interim committee.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson  
Governor

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