

April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 58

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 75, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill enacts the Public Employee Bargaining Act to provide public employees with the ability to employ collective bargaining. I have vetoed similar legislation in the past, and do so again, because collective bargaining would serve only to grind state government to a halt while failing to provide much if any additional protection for state workers. State employees are already protected by a host of federal and state laws, not to mention employee-friendly state agency and office policies. If New Mexico is to continue to take a businesslike approach to state government, it must be able to hold its employees accountable.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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