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FIRST SESSION, 2001

March 14, 2001

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 167, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. Strike Senate Floor Amendment 1 in its entirety.
2. On page 1, line 13, after "BUILDINGS" insert ", INCLUDING CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS".
3. On page 26, line 22, after "by" strike the remainder of the line and strike line 23 through the comma and insert in lieu thereof "January 31, 2001,".
4. On page 34, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following new section:

"Section 16. KINDERGARTEN CAPITAL FUNDING.--

A. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of public education for expenditure in fiscal years 2001 through 2003 to purchase portable classrooms or to build classrooms for full-day kindergarten throughout New Mexico. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

B. The state department of public education shall adopt an application process for school districts that wish to purchase portable classrooms or to build classrooms for full-day kindergarten. The school districts shall submit applications to the state department of public education by July 1, 2001. School districts shall provide the following information in the application to the state department of public education:

- (1) district enrollment by school in half-day and full-day kindergarten for the 2000-2001 school year;

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(2) the number of full-day kindergarten classrooms to be constructed or purchased at each elementary school in the district;

(3) whether the district is requesting brick and mortar or portable full-day kindergarten classrooms;

(4) the signature of the district superintendent approving the application; and

(5) verification from the superintendent of public instruction that the need exists for portable classrooms or built classrooms for full-day kindergarten.

C. When providing distributions to local school districts pursuant to Subsections A and B of this section, the state department of public education shall give priority to those school districts that serve children in schools with the highest proportion of students most in need based upon indicators in the at-risk factor and those that do not qualify for funding under the Public School Capital Outlay Act. The state department of public education shall also consider the local resources available to build full-day kindergarten classrooms and the possibility of converting existing classrooms to full-day kindergarten classrooms. "

5. Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk)

Date _____

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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Bratton, Buffett, King, Larrañaga, Marquardt, Watchman

Absent: None

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