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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 37**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT  
LEGISLATORS TO A TASK FORCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY AND  
MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES STUDYING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
FRANCHISE ISSUES; REQUESTING MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD NEW  
ENTRANTS TO THE INDUSTRY TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS CURRENT  
PROVIDERS.**

**WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry is experiencing  
change due to technological advances; and**

**WHEREAS, the New Mexico municipal league has agreed to  
provide to municipalities a model ordinance to enact a twelve-  
month moratorium on renewing franchises for telecommunications  
providers; and**

**WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry and**

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1 municipalities have agreed to form a task force to study  
2 telecommunications franchise issues; and

3 WHEREAS, the objective of the task force is the  
4 development of a statewide model for agreements between  
5 municipalities and telecommunications providers, and it may be  
6 desirable to have legislative input into such a model  
7 agreement; and

8 WHEREAS, until a model agreement is reached between the  
9 industry and the New Mexico municipal league, it may be  
10 desirable to ensure that new entrants to the telecommunications  
11 industry in New Mexico be bound by the same requirements as  
12 exist in current agreements with like telecommunications  
13 providers within the municipality;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
16 requested to appoint two members of the house of  
17 representatives and two members of the senate to participate in  
18 a task force comprised of representatives of the  
19 telecommunications industry and representatives of New Mexico's  
20 municipalities studying telecommunications franchise issues;  
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
23 council be requested to direct the appropriate interim  
24 committee to receive a report from the task force of its  
25 findings and recommendations prior to the second session of the

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1 forty-fifth legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's municipalities be  
3 requested to hold new entrants to the telecommunications  
4 industry to the requirements of current telecommunications  
5 providers; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the director of the legislative council service,  
8 the New Mexico municipal league and representatives of the  
9 telecommunications industry.

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