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2	42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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11	A JOINT MEMORIAL
12	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE CORPORATION
13	COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON HEALTH AND LIFE
14	INSURANCE AVAILABILITY TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.
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16	WHEREAS, twenty to thirty percent of all women are
17	physically abused in their own homes during their lifetimes,
18	showing that violence is as American and homemade as apple pie;
19	and
20	WHEREAS, New Mexico's domestic violence shelters care for
21	about one thousand victims each month, one in five pregnant
22	women suffer domestic abuse and twenty percent of the women
23	using hospital emergency rooms do so because of having been
24	abused; and
25	WHEREAS, the emotional costs and productivity costs are

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high, estimates running as much as ten billion dollars a year nationally; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that about twenty-five percent of insurance companies deny health or life insurance to battered women if they report their injuries to the police, seek a judicial remedy or if their doctors report the injuries; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health problem as well as a criminal justice problem and deserves appropriate health care and coverage by health care insurance, including universal coverage and comprehensive benefits packages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of insurance of the state corporation commission be requested to investigate and report on the lack of health or life insurance coverage for victims of domestic violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of insurance of the state corporation commission be requested to form a working group composed of representatives from the commission on the status of women, the domestic violence coalition, a shelter for battered women, the insurance industry and the New Mexico health policy commission to assist in the department's investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state corporation commission hold public hearings and submit a report with recommendations to the courts, corrections and criminal justice

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	1	committee and to the interim legislative health and human
	2	services committee before December 1, 1996; and
	3	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
	4	transmitted to the department of insurance of the state
	5	corporation commission.
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		9	Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
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