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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
1996**

**INTRODUCED BY  
ELIZABETH T. STEFANICS**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING STATE AGENCIES TO ANALYZE FACTORS MAKING NEW MEXICO  
ONE OF THE POOREST STATES IN THE COUNTRY AND RECOMMEND  
LEGISLATION TO REDUCE THE POVERTY RATE AND BRING NEW MEXICO INTO  
THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is the second poorest state in the  
country with twenty-one percent of its citizens in poverty,  
according to the United States census bureau; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico stands forty-sixth among the states in  
median income; and**

**WHEREAS, the median income for New Mexico actually declined  
from 1993 levels in spite of a so-called expanding economy in  
1994 and 1995; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks forty-ninth in number of citizens**

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1 with health insurance; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks forty-seventh in disposable  
3 personal income per capita;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
6 department, the human services department, the department of  
7 health, the labor department and the state agency on aging, as  
8 well as the human needs coordinating council, study factors that  
9 contribute to poverty and the effects of poverty and make  
10 recommendations for state actions to address the issue to the  
11 legislative health and human services committee and to the  
12 legislative finance committee by November 1, 1996; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretaries of children, youth and families,  
15 human services, health and labor and the director of the state  
16 agency on aging.

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5 January 30, 1996  
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7 Mr. President:  
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14 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Wray

Absent: 0

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

January 31, 1996

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

Amendment sponsored by Senator Leonard Lee Rawson

1. On page 1, lines 22 and 23, strike "in spite of a so-called expanding economy in 1994 and 1995" and insert in lieu thereof "yet saw significant increases in growth in per capita income in 1994 and 1995".

2. On page 1, between lines 23 and 24 insert the following:  
"WHEREAS, per capita income grew by 7.9 percent between 1994 and 1995; and".

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**Leonard Lee Rawson**

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SESSION, 1996**

**February 8, 1996**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to whom  
has been referred**

**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12, as amended**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Vincent Gallegos, Chairman**

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

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The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

Yes: 4

Excused: None

Absent: Roberts, Marquardt

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