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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 30

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

**INTRODUCED BY  
TOM R. BENAVIDES**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO OPEN THE  
MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY TO  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ALLOW A CONSORTIUM THAT INCLUDES THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND OTHER ENTITIES REPRESENTING NEW  
MEXICO'S INTERESTS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR THE CONTRACT.**

**WHEREAS, the university of California has managed Los  
Alamos national laboratory (LANL) since 1943, earning as much as  
twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) annually from the  
contract; and**

**WHEREAS, LANL is the fourth largest single employer in New  
Mexico, with more than nine thousand employees; and**

**WHEREAS, the importance of LANL to New Mexico's economy is  
such that LANL's management should not be solely in the hands of**

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1 an organization, the university of California, whose financial  
2 interests are clearly independent of the welfare of the state of  
3 New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, many employees of LANL and residents of New Mexico  
5 believe the management of LANL is insensitive to the needs of  
6 New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico is largely populated by people of  
8 Spanish and Native American descent, and the university of  
9 California, as indicated by its repudiation of affirmative  
10 action on July 20, 1995, has shown disregard and indifference  
11 for concerns of minorities in general; and

12 WHEREAS, the current LANL restructuring plan reflects  
13 disregard and indifference towards New Mexicans in particular,  
14 since most employees in the recent layoffs were native New  
15 Mexicans of Spanish descent; and

16 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico might earn as much as  
17 fifteen to twenty million dollars in management fees as a member  
18 of a management consortium, a large sum considering the state's  
19 current budget problems; and

20 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has imminent  
21 scientific and administrative capabilities reflected by the  
22 caliber of its faculty in the engineering school, the  
23 engineering research institute, the Robert O. Anderson school of  
24 business and other science and management-related departments;  
25 and



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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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16 Respectfully submitted,  
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: EJennings, Wray

Absent: 0

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