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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 75

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

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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, new employees of LANL are required to pledge their
allegiance to the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the deputy director of LANL recently proclaimed

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1 that LANL and the community of Los Alamos are one in the same;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, LANL was founded in secrecy, isolation and
4 privilege, and from this legacy evolved the community of Los
5 Alamos; and

6 WHEREAS, Los Alamos as a community was recently ranked
7 among the most affluent communities in the nation in terms of
8 education, employment and household income, yet neighboring
9 communities surrounding Los Alamos remain among the poorest in
10 the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, the importance of LANL to New Mexico's economy is
12 such that LANL's management should not be solely in the hands of
13 an organization, the university of California, whose financial
14 interests are clearly independent of the welfare of New Mexico;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, many employees of LANL and residents of New Mexico
17 believe the management of LANL is insensitive to the needs of
18 New Mexico; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the current LANL restructuring plan reflects
25 disregard and indifference towards New Mexicans in particular,

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1 since most employees in the recent layoffs were native New
2 Mexicans; and

3 WHEREAS, three university of California panels have
4 previously challenged the appropriateness of the university of
5 California's continued management of LANL, namely the 1970
6 Zinner report, the 1978 Gerberding report and the 1989 Jendresen
7 report; and

8 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico might earn as much as
9 fifteen to twenty million dollars (\$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000)
10 in management fees as a member of a management consortium, a
11 large sum considering the state's current budget problems; and

12 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has imminent
13 scientific and administrative capabilities reflected by the
14 calibre of its faculty in the engineering school, the
15 engineering research institute, the Robert O. Anderson school of
16 business and other science- and management-related departments;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, a consortium composed of the university of
19 California, the university of New Mexico and perhaps expertise
20 from other New Mexico-based institutions might strengthen LANL's
21 role in the nation's scientific and defense community, serve the
22 economic needs of northern New Mexico and stimulate greater
23 opportunities for technology transfer and business spinoffs
24 throughout the state's economy;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States department of energy
2 be requested to open the management contract of LANL to
3 competitive bidding when the contract expires in 1997; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico be
5 requested to negotiate with the university of California and
6 other New Mexico institutions to form a consortium to bid on the
7 LANL management contract; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the secretary of energy, the president of the
10 university of New Mexico, the chancellor of the university of
11 California and New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, 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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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Doni sthorpe, EJennings, Wray

Absent: 0

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Mr. Speaker:

Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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

1. On page 3, strike all of lines 8 through 11.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

Yes: 5

No: Light

Excused: Knowles, Ryan, Wallach

Absent: Corley, Reyes

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