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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 101

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SPONSOR A SPECIAL
SYMPOSIUM DURING THE INTERIM ON WASTEWATER PROBLEMS.

WHEREAS, many cities and towns in New Mexico are not
complying with water quality standards; and

WHEREAS, some communities have exceeded their capacity for
treating wastewater and have moratoriums on new connections to
existing wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, millions of dollars in severance tax bond issues
are requested from the legislature each year for repairs,
expansion or construction of wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, more water can be polluted than the amount of
water the state can conserve in a given year; and

WHEREAS, remediating water pollution is at least as
important as water conservation in New Mexico's efforts to

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provide adequate domestic water supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to sponsor during the interim a special seminar on the state's wastewater treatment problems and needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the co-chairmen of the New Mexico legislative council and to the director of the legislative council service.