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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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G. X. MCSHERRY

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND PREPARE A  
REPORT ON INTERBASIN WATER RIGHTS TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, competing demands for the state's limited water  
resources are increasing for industrial, municipal, agricultural  
and other uses; and

WHEREAS, development of the state's existing water supplies  
has reached varying stages in the different underground water  
basins and surface water drainage basins; and

WHEREAS, neither the law nor the policy of this state  
establishes a preference for development of water resources in  
one area rather than any other area in this state; and

WHEREAS, the extent to which interbasin transfers of water  
and water rights are occurring and the effects of these  
transfers are matters that should be carefully examined,

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1 considered and evaluated;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state  
4 engineer be requested to study the extent to which interbasin  
5 transfers of water and water rights are currently taking place;  
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study the  
8 state engineer be requested to determine the amount of water and  
9 water rights involved in interbasin transfers, the uses to which  
10 such water and water rights are put and the effect of such  
11 transfers on water resource planning in both the move-from and  
12 the move-to basins; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer be requested  
14 to deliver a report on this study to the interim integrated  
15 water and resource planning committee before December 1, 1997;  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the state engineer.

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 11, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Porter

Absent: None

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