

Underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

HOUSE MEMORIAL 22

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

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY E. MACKO

A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ESTABLISHING HIGH  
ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ENSURING PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM BY  
ADOPTING RIGOROUS STATE SCIENCE CONTENT STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, science is a special way of knowing and  
understanding the physical world that uses the "scientific  
method" to conduct rigorous investigations into processes that  
are observable and repeatable; and

WHEREAS, science is a discipline that employs skeptical  
peer review and experiments attempting to falsify ongoing and  
prior scientific work to ensure the validity and integrity of  
results; and

WHEREAS, historic processes such as the origin of the  
physical universe and biologic life were not observed and have  
not been repeated; and

Underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1           WHEREAS, theories of biologic origins vary widely in proof,  
2 evidences and belief; and

3           WHEREAS, the theory of evolution posits a pre-biotic soup  
4 from which biologic life emanated, postulates that all life  
5 emanated from a common ancestor and requires transitional forms  
6 as evidence of macro-evolution between species forms; and

7           WHEREAS, no extant fossil evidence exists for this pre-  
8 biotic soup, no fossil or any other evidence exists for this  
9 common ancestor and noted evolutionists have described the  
10 extreme scarcity of transitional forms as the "trade secret of  
11 paleontology"; and

12           WHEREAS, the accepted evolutionary explanation for macro-  
13 evolution leading to transitional forms is beneficial mutation,  
14 yet the observation of beneficial mutations is so rare that they  
15 cannot be the source of transitional forms; and

16           WHEREAS, noted evolutionary biologists observe that in  
17 order for the theory of evolution to be correct, there must be  
18 evidence of progression within species from one form to another  
19 and there must be evidence of transition to new forms, yet  
20 observations overwhelmingly indicate that species display  
21 remarkable stasis with little, if any, proclivity toward change  
22 or evolution into another species; and

23           WHEREAS, an organism's hereditary characteristics are  
24 transferred through DNA, yet DNA structure is specifically  
25 designed to be robust against change; and

Underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1           WHEREAS, the theory of evolution requires transformation  
2 from simple to complex cells as well as a suitable explanation  
3 for the production of complexity from randomness, yet no  
4 mechanism for such processes is observed, recorded or evident in  
5 the geological record and no causal mechanism to explain the  
6 process necessary to produce even a single gene has been  
7 advanced; and

8           WHEREAS, probability theory shows that even the simplest  
9 life cannot have arisen from random action, time and chance, and  
10 modern information theory shows that random processes cannot  
11 produce the observed genetic structures given the number of  
12 elementary particle interactions available in cosmological time;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state of New Mexico to  
15 enhance the self-esteem of students in the classroom, yet the  
16 teaching of a theory that indicates that children evolved in a  
17 meaningless manner through highly improbable random fluctuations  
18 in a pre-biotic soup can result in a particularly negative  
19 impact on a student's self-esteem; and

20           WHEREAS, because of these findings, and because of the  
21 availability of various theories of biological origins, the  
22 legislature affirms and agrees with the position of the state  
23 board of education that various theories of biologic origins be  
24 taught in the public school system;

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

Underscored material = new  
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board  
2 of education be commended for excellence in establishing high  
3 academic standards and for ensuring the pursuit of academic  
4 freedom by adopting rigorous state science content standards;  
5 and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent  
7 to the members of the state board of education.

8 - 4 -

9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

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

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 15, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

**HOUSE MEMORIAL 22**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recomm~~endation~~ that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

---

**Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman**

Underscored material = new  
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5

No: Beam, S. M. Williams

Excused: Mallory, Miera, McSherry, Nicely, Weeks, Wright

Absent: None

C:\OFFICE\WPWIN\WPDOCS\HMD22EC1.WPD

~~Underscored material = new~~  
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

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

**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 18, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has  
been referred**

**HOUSE MEMORIAL 22**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

---

**Fred Luna, Chairman**

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

HBI C/HM 22

Page 8

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Alwin, Corley, Hobbs, Varela

Absent: Getty

M \HMD22

Underscored material = new  
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~