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1 months and frequently are only a portion of the full amount
2 owed; and

3 WHEREAS, the problem is statewide and is hitting the
4 population that is least able to defend against this
5 adversity, and that the system is supposed to be serving; and

6 WHEREAS, one man who had paid his child support received
7 a notice from the human services department that he was ninety
8 days delinquent and that the human services department would
9 garnish his pay; and

10 WHEREAS, that action also threatened his job; and

11 WHEREAS, victims of such incompetence have retained an
12 attorney for the purpose of filing a class action lawsuit
13 against the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the state is potentially at risk; and

15 WHEREAS, efforts to get the human services department to
16 correct the problem have been met with an absolute disregard
17 for urgency and a lack of willingness to correct the abuse;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
20 requested to make child support payments received from absent
21 parents to the dependent family members immediately; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorney general be
23 requested to initiate a criminal investigation of the human
24 services department and personnel within that department of
25 potential criminal conduct; and

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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5 March 6, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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11 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 51

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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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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Campos, Romero

Absent: None

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