March 14, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 10

The Honorable Richard Romero and Members of the Senate Executive-Legislative Building Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 420, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill allows judges to purchase up to two months service credit toward their retirement. I have vetoed similar legislation in the past that would have made exceptions to the state's retirement laws for teachers and state police officers. Although I sympathize with judges whose terms will expire before they obtain full retirement benefits, I am not in favor of changes in the law that permit a certain class of public employees to avoid those requirements generally applicable to our state's workforce.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson Governor

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