

April 5, 2001

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 51**

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 265, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This legislation requires that the state Motor Vehicle Division issue state license plates featuring the artwork of certain fraternal organizations. As I have stated previously, I am generally opposed to the creation of special license plates for New Mexico's motor vehicles, except when they provide information to other motorists and law enforcement that the driver may require special consideration in emergency situations, such as firefighters.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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