April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 68

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

This bill would authorize the city of Las Cruces to assess a \$2.50 per day fee on lodging for the purpose of constructing a convention center. I have consistently opposed measures that would enable local governing bodies to impose additional taxes for local construction projects without the consent of local voters.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson Governor

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