

SENATE CORPORATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 36

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO  
ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF TAOS COUNTY IN FINDING A WAY TO  
REPLACE THE PILAR BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE IN TAOS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the bridge across the Rio Grande in the village  
of Pilar serves about eighty full-time residents of the west  
side of the river, and as many as fifty thousand people pass  
under the bridge in river rafts and boats during the year; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is a wooden structure dating to the  
1950s and sits no more than six and one-half feet above the Rio  
Grande; and

WHEREAS, fire trucks, school buses and propane service  
trucks cannot cross the bridge because of weight limits; and

WHEREAS, wood rot is threatening the integrity of the  
bridge, and it is unsafe; and

