

February 6, 2009

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 3

The Honorable Ben Luján and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Bldg.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Luján and Members of the House:

I have this day SIGNED:

THE HOUSE TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 9, as amended, with emergency clause  
enacted by the Forty-Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2009, and vetoed the following item or  
items, part or parts:

On page 3, I have vetoed all of lines 2 through 7.

On page 10, I have vetoed all of lines 18 through 22.

On page 11, I have vetoed all of lines 3 through 25.

On page 12, I have vetoed all of lines 1 through 3.

On page 23, I have vetoed all of lines 14 through 19 and I have vetoed all of line 25.

On page 24, I have vetoed all of lines 1 through 4.

On page 25, I have vetoed all of lines 8 through 12.

On page 29, on line 11, I have vetoed the words "in the north bosque area".

On page 30, I have vetoed all of lines 11 through 16.

On page 31, on line 20, after the word "to", I have vetoed the word "local", and on line  
21, I have vetoed the word "statewide".

The reasons for my vetoes follow.

I have vetoed nine sections that would have deauthorized appropriations that will enhance the  
ability of the Navajo Nation and its Chapters to provide and maintain basic human services and  
critical infrastructure. Deauthorizing these appropriations would have caused hardship to our  
Native American citizens.

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I recognize that these Navajo Nation appropriations are old. My administration has worked closely with the President of the Navajo Nation and its Legislative Delegation, however, to develop processes to ensure that these projects move forward in a more expeditious manner. Consequently, I am confident that these appropriations will soon be put to good use.

I have also vetoed the section that would have deauthorized an appropriation for a kitchen and social service office for senior affairs in Albuquerque. This too represents a necessary investment in services the demand for which may increase. Many seniors have been hit hard by declining share and house values. In addition, the senior population of Albuquerque and the State is growing.

I have vetoed the sections of House Bill 9 that would have, in effect, reduced from \$2 million to \$1 million an appropriation for domestic violence programs and shelters statewide. Hard economic times can increase the prevalence of domestic violence. With demand for their services likely to increase, now is simply not the time to reduce our investment in domestic violence programs and shelters.

I have vetoed several limitations in appropriations that exceed the Legislature's authority to impose reasonable conditions and/or intrude into the Executive managerial function. By providing greater flexibility, these vetoes will also enable the State to make more productive use of State resources.

On the other side of the ledger, the total amount of the appropriations preserved by my vetoes does not materially impact the overall effectiveness of the solvency package.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Richardson  
Governor

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