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SENATE BILL 767

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN PRIVATE
COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND REPRESENT THE STATE, COUNTIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES CONCERNING THEIR RIGHTS AND POWERS OVER PUBLIC
LANDS THAT MAY BE IMPROPERLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Fifty thousand dollars
(\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office of
the governor for expenditure in fiscal year 1997 for the purpose
of retaining private counsel to advise, represent and pursue
litigation on behalf of the state, counties and municipalities
concerning their rights and powers to assert jurisdiction,
sovereignty, ownership and authority over public lands that may
be improperly under the control of the federal government. Any

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2 fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the general fund.

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7 Mr. Presi dent:

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13 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT
14 TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the JUDI CIARY
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