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HOUSE MEMORIAL 4

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

INTRODUCED BY

W. C. "DUB" WILLIAMS

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS NOT ADOPT
A DEFINITION OF FARMS AND RANCHES THAT WOULD REMOVE A LARGE
NUMBER OF THE STATE'S SMALL AND SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURISTS FROM
FEDERAL FARM SERVICES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's small and subsistence farmers and
ranchers make substantial contributions to the culture,
economies and open spaces in communities throughout the state;
and

WHEREAS, economists estimate that more than forty percent
of New Mexico's farmers and ranchers have a gross annual income
of less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and eighty percent
have a net annual income of less than ten thousand dollars
(\$10,000);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States bureau of the census
2 be requested not to adopt a definition of farms and ranches that
3 would remove a large number of the state's small and subsistence
4 agriculturists from the census rolls; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional
7 delegation and President Clinton.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 13, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Crook, Porter

Absent: None

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**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Coll, Nicely, R. G. Sanchez

Absent: None

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