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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 56

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

IN SUPPORT OF THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND ITS  
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE NAVAJO INDIAN  
IRRIGATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry, a  
farming and agribusiness enterprise located south of Farmington,  
was formed in 1970 to develop the Navajo nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry's  
customers include major food companies in the United States and  
internationally, and their "Navajo Pride" brand has gained  
excellent consumer acceptance as a high quality product; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry is a  
diverse, profitable business enterprise that directly  
contributes over thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000)  
annually to the regional economy, and the Navajo agricultural

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1 products industry-related activities employ four hundred full-  
2 time employees annually and one thousand two hundred seasonal  
3 employees; and

4 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry's future  
5 projects include continued crop diversification and a food  
6 processing plant that would include modern storage and  
7 processing facilities to accommodate customer packaging  
8 preferences and peak market demands; and

9 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry relies  
10 on water provided by the Navajo Indian irrigation project to  
11 cultivate seventy thousand acres, but since the overall  
12 completion schedule for the project has been delayed by at least  
13 fifteen years, the Navajo agricultural products industry is  
14 unable to cultivate its remaining forty thousand acres; and

15 WHEREAS, delay of the irrigation project would have a  
16 tragic, negative impact on the Navajo agricultural products  
17 industry and the Navajo nation's plans for a self-sustaining  
18 economy in northwestern New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, the management board of the Navajo agricultural  
20 products industry has requested assistance and support from the  
21 United States congress and the president of the United States in  
22 securing funding for the Navajo Indian irrigation project and  
23 timely completion of the project;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it hereby applaud and support the

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1 Navajo agricultural products industry's work and the Navajo  
2 nation's efforts to provide a self-sustaining economy in  
3 northwestern New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the United  
5 States congress and the president of the United States to  
6 appropriate forty-six million five hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$46,500,000) in the budget for fiscal year 1997 to continue  
8 block 8 construction and begin construction of the Ojo reservoir  
9 dam and pump stations of the Navajo Indian irrigation project  
10 and subsequent annual appropriations for timely completion of  
11 the project; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature request from  
13 the United States congress and the president of the United  
14 States a supplemental appropriation of seven million dollars  
15 (\$7,000,000) for the budget for fiscal year 1997 the canal  
16 operation and maintenance; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature request from  
18 the United States congress and the president of the United  
19 States a supplemental appropriation of two million dollars  
20 (\$2,000,000) for the fiscal year 1996 budget for the frozen  
21 potato processing facilities infrastructure from the economic  
22 development administration of the United States department of  
23 commerce; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the

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1 president of the United States, the Navajo agricultural products  
2 industry management board of directors, the president of the  
3 Navajo nation and the Navajo nation council.

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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 INDIAN AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

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Absent: 0

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom  
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24 John Pinto, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Chavez, Kysar, Maes

Absent: None

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February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
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recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against  
Yes: 10  
Excused: Roberts  
Absent: None

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