SENATE MEMORIAL 4

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

OPPOSING ON BEHALF OF TORRANCE COUNTY, THE CORRECTIONS

DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO TRANSFER NEW MEXICO PRISONERS TO TEXAS.

WHEREAS, Torrance county entered into a memorandum of

understanding and a joint powers agreement with the corrections

department to incarcerate up to two hundred fifty prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the corrections department has now decided to

ignore that agreement and send the prisoners to Texas for

incarceration; and

WHEREAS, this decision will force Torrance county to lay

off almost one hundred employees resulting in a loss of one

million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) to Torrance

county's economy; and

WHEREAS, denying New Mexico citizen taxpayers employment

opportunities and paying New Mexico taxpayers' money to Texas is

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1   incomprehensible;

2   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

3   OF NEW MEXICO that the senate oppose the corrections

4   department's plan to transfer prisoners to Texas; and

5   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

6   transmitted to the secretary of corrections and to the governor.

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Mr. President:

Your **RULES 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,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

Adopted_____   Not Adopted_____
          (Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

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4   The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

5   Yes: 4

6   No: Donisthorpe

7   Excused: EJennings, Altamirano, Aragon, Romero

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